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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by or brought to the attention of the General Assembly

1. In 2007, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolutions and decisions that call for action by or that are to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. The relevant paragraphs of those resolutions and decisions are summarized below.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (item 1)

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

2. By its **decision 2007/254**, the Council recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixty-second session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 72 to 76 States.

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme (item 3 (b))

Proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

3. By its **decision 2007/220**, the Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the proposed amendments contained therein.

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (item 5)

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

4. By its **resolution 2007/3**, the Council requested the Secretary-General to reflect the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the resolution in his next report to the Council and the General Assembly on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations.

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (item 6 (b))

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

5. By its **resolution 2007/31**, the Council looked forward to the elaboration and the submission by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, at its sixty-second session, of a detailed and clearly defined advocacy strategy aimed at raising awareness about the objectives, goals and commitments of the Programme of Action with a view to facilitating its effective and timely implementation.

Coordination, programme and other questions: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (item 7 (h))

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

6. By its **resolution 2007/32**, the Council encouraged Governments to provide full support to the reporting process of the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, in particular in the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on the implementation of commitments made in the above-mentioned instruments, and to participate in its high-level plenary meetings.

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (item 11)

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7. By its **resolution 2007/26**, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development (item 13 (a))

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

8. By its **resolution 2007/35**, the Council recommended that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Policy that Samoa be graduated from the list of least developed countries.

Non-inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least developed countries

9. By its **decision 2007/263**, the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly that Papua New Guinea not be included in the list of least developed countries.

Economic and environmental questions: human settlements (item 13 (d))

Human settlements

10. By its **decision 2007/249**, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2007/58) and decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-second session.

Social and human rights questions: advancement of women (item 14 (a))

Agreed conclusions on the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child

11. By its **decision 2007/238**, the Council decided to transmit the agreed conclusions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-first session, contained therein, to the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

Social and human rights questions: social development (item 14 (b))

Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

12. By its **resolution 2007/27**, the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly the draft resolution contained therein.

Social and human rights questions: crime prevention and criminal justice (item 14 (c))

Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

13. By its **resolution 2007/17**, the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly the draft resolution contained therein.

Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism

14. By its **resolution 2007/18**, the Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution contained therein.

Chapter II

Special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of General Assembly resolution 61/16 and paragraph 88 of annex I to Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council held a special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its 8th and 9th meetings, on 16 April 2007. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.8 and 9). For its consideration, the meeting had before it a note by the Secretary-General on coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (E/2007/10 and Corr.1).

2. At the 8th meeting, on 16 April, the President of the Council made an opening statement (see E/2007/SR.8).

3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the meeting.

4. At the same meeting, the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly made a statement.

5. Also at the same meeting, the President of the Council introduced the following representatives of major institutional stakeholders who made statements: the Deputy Chairperson of the Development Committee; the President of the Trade and Development Board, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); the Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); and the Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

6. After the statements, the Council adjourned its plenary meeting and proceeded with the holding of round tables A, B, C and D.

Round tables

7. Round table A was co-chaired by Jiayi Zou (China), Executive Director, World Bank, and Willy Kiekens (Belgium), Senior Executive Director, IMF. The lead discussant was Marjatta Rasi, Under-Secretary of State for International Development Cooperation and Policy of Finland.

8. Round table B was co-chaired by Clifford Marica, Minister of Trade and Industry of Suriname, and Svein Aass (Norway), Executive Director, World Bank. The lead discussant was Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director of IMF.

9. Round table C was co-chaired by Ruud Treffers, Director-General for International Cooperation of the Netherlands, and Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine, President, Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD. The lead discussant was Signe Ratso, Director, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission.

10. Round table D was co-chaired by Brigitte Girardin, Minister Delegate for Cooperation, Development and Francophonie (France), and Baledzi Gaolathe, Minister of Finance and Development Planning (Botswana). The lead discussants were Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for International Development (United

Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

11. At its 9th meeting, on 16 April, the Council resumed the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and heard statements by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (on behalf of the European Union), and the Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Economy and Trade of Qatar.

12. At the same meeting, the Council heard oral reports on the outcome of the four round tables from the Executive Director, World Bank (Germany) (round table A); the Executive Director, World Bank (Nordic and Baltic countries) (round table B); the President, Trade and Development Board (UNCTAD) (round table C); and the Minister of Finance and Development Planning of Botswana (round table D).

Exchange of views among participants

13. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Paraguay, Cape Verde, the Philippines, Belarus, France, Costa Rica and Germany and by the observer for Spain.

14. Also at the 9th meeting, the Council heard statements by representatives of civil society (New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Financing for Development, World Council of Churches and Instituto del Tercer Mundo) and of the business sector (International Chamber of Commerce and EurOrient Financial Group).

15. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Bank.

16. The proceedings of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development were summarized by the President of the Council (A/62/76-E/2007/55 and Corr.1).

Closing of the meeting

17. At the 9th meeting, the President of the Council made a statement and declared the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development closed (see E/2007/SR.9).

Chapter III
High-level segment

Opening of the session

1. The high-level segment of the substantive session of the Council of 2007 was held at its 13th to 20th, 22nd and 27th meetings, held from 2 to 6 and on 10 July 2007. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.13-20, 22 and 27).

2. In its decision 2007/206, the Council decided that the theme for its 2007 thematic discussion would be "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies" (item 2 (a)).

3. In its decision 2007/207, the Council decided that the theme for the 2007 annual ministerial review would be "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development" (item 2 (b)).

4. For the high-level segment, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council: selection of a theme (E/2007/51);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies (E/2007/68);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development (E/2007/71);

(d) World Economic and Social Survey 2007: Development in an Ageing World: Overview (E/2007/50 and Rev.1);

(e) Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15) (also under agenda item 10);

(f) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15/Add.1);

(g) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15/Add.2);

(h) Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (E/2007/33) (also under item 13 (a));

(i) Letter dated 18 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitting the report of the Vienna High-level Symposium: preparing for the Development Cooperation Forum (E/2007/80);

(j) Letter dated 8 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent

Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/81);

(k) Note verbale dated 28 June 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitting the report of the Latin America and the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review of the Council: "Key challenges in financing poverty and hunger eradication efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean" (E/2007/84);

(l) World economic situation and prospects as of mid-2007 (E/2007/CRP.2) (English only);

(m) Executive summaries of national voluntary presentations presented by Bangladesh, Barbados, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Ethiopia and Ghana (E/2007/CRP.5) (English only);

(n) Statement submitted by the Fondation Mohammed V, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/1);

(o) Statement submitted by Legião da Boa Vontade, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/2);

(p) Statement submitted by the Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/3);

(q) Statement submitted by World Jewellery Confederation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/4);

(r) Statement submitted by Mulchand and Parpati Thadhani Foundation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/5);

(s) Statement submitted by the Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/6);

(t) Statement submitted by Droit à l'énergie, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/7);

(u) Statement submitted by Foundation for Research on Technology, Migration and Integration, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/8);

(v) Statement submitted by International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/NGO/18).

5. At its 13th meeting, on 2 July, the President of the Council opened the substantive session and made a statement (see E/2007/SR.13).

6. The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Council.

7. At the same meeting, the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly addressed the Council.

8. Also at the same meeting, the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) read out the 2006 special citation of the Habitat Scroll of Honour, which the Secretary-General then presented to the Prime Minister of Bahrain, who made a statement.

The eradication of poverty and hunger

9. Also at its 13th meeting, the Council heard keynote addresses by the President of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister of Lithuania on the theme "The eradication of poverty and hunger".

High-level policy dialogue on current developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation

10. At its 13th meeting, the Council held a high-level policy dialogue on current developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with the representatives of the financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system.

11. At the same meeting, the Council heard opening remarks by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and statements by the panellists, Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director of IMF, and François Bourguignon, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of the World Bank.

12. Also at the same meeting, during the exchange of views, the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the United States, Kazakhstan, Guinea and China made statements.

A. Thematic discussion: "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies"

13. At its 14th meeting, on 2 July, the Council began its thematic discussion entitled "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies" and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (see E/2007/SR.14).

14. The Council then adjourned its plenary meeting and proceeded by holding two parallel round tables.

15. At its 15th meeting, on 3 July, the Council resumed its thematic discussion and heard the summaries of the round-table discussions by the President of the Council (round table 1) and the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development (round table 2) (see E/2007/SR.15).

16. At the same meeting, the Council held its general debate on the above theme and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Guinea-Bissau and the Russian Federation.

Round table 1
Growth, poverty reduction and equity — emerging paradigm

17. Round table 1 was chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by Kemal Dervis, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

18. The moderator opened the discussion and made a statement.

19. Presentations were made by the following panellists: George Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Ghana; François Bourguignon, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, World Bank; and Jayati Ghosh, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

20. The panellists engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of India, Costa Rica, Pakistan, the Philippines, China, Algeria, Bolivia, Guinea, Brazil and Thailand, as well as the observers for the Dominican Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Namibia.

21. The panellists made concluding remarks and the moderator summarized the round-table discussion.

22. The Chairman of the round table made concluding remarks.

Round table 2
Coherence and coordination of macroeconomic policies at all levels

23. Round table 2 was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Hjálmar Hannesson (Iceland), and moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development.

24. The Chairman and the moderator made opening statements.

25. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director, IMF; Augusto Manuel Nogueira Gomes Correia, President, Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance; and Ana Maria Carrasquilla, Chairperson, Latin American Reserve Fund.

26. The panellists engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Pakistan, Belarus and Kazakhstan, as well as the observer for Italy, and responded to the questions raised by the moderator.

27. The Chairman of the round table made concluding remarks.

B. Annual ministerial review on the theme "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development"

28. At its 15th meeting, on 3 July, the Council began its annual ministerial review on the theme "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including

through the global partnership for development" and heard an opening statement by the President of the Council (see E/2007/SR.15).

29. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

30. Also at the same meeting, the Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg made a keynote address before the Council.

31. Also at its 15th meeting, the Council heard national voluntary presentations on the theme of the annual ministerial review by a team of representatives from Bangladesh: Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Foreign Adviser and Minister for Foreign Affairs; Hamidur Rashid, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Motaher Hussain, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva; and from Barbados: Trevor Prescod, Minister of Social Transformation; Christopher Hackett, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations in New York; and Ruth Blackman, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Transformation.

32. A statement was made by the moderator, James P. Rubin, World Affairs commentator for Sky News, after which the Foreign Adviser and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and the Minister of Social Transformation of Barbados made statements.

33. The panellists responded to questions raised by the moderator and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, the United States and the United Kingdom.

34. A statement was also made by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

35. At the 16th meeting, on 3 July, Nikolai Zaichenko, Minister of Economy of Belarus, made a statement.

36. At the same meeting, the Council heard voluntary national presentations on the theme of the annual ministerial review by a team of representatives from Ethiopia: Ato Mekonnen Manyazewal, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, and Getachew Adam, Head of the Development Planning and Research Department; and from Ghana: George Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning; and Regina Adutwum, Director-General, National Development Planning Commission.

37. Also at the same meeting, the State Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Ethiopia and the Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Ghana made statements.

38. The panellists engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, the Philippines, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Germany and Pakistan.

39. Also at the 16th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa.

40. At its 16th meeting, the Council also heard national voluntary presentations on the theme of the annual ministerial review by a team of representatives from Cambodia: Chhay Than, Senior Minister for Planning; Heang Siekly, Deputy

Director-General of Planning; and Nuth Chansokha, Deputy Director-General of Planning; and from Cape Verde: Victor Borges, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities; Fátima Veiga, Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the United Nations in New York; and Myriam Vieira, Expert from the Directorate-General of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

41. At the same meeting, the Senior Minister for Planning of Cambodia and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cape Verde made statements.

42. The panellists engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Luxembourg, Benin, the Netherlands, South Africa, Barbados, Brazil, Portugal and Japan and the observer for Namibia.

43. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

44. At its 17th meeting, on 4 July, the Council began its general debate on the theme of the annual ministerial review and heard statements by Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); João Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union); Samuel Santos, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nicaragua; Romulo L. Neri, Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning and Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines; François-Xavier de Donnéa, Minister of State, Belgium; Sid Ahmed Ould Rais, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mauritania; Elias Nyamlell Wakason, State Minister for International Cooperation, the Sudan; Marcia Helena Carvalho Lopes, Vice-Minister of Social Development, Brazil; Aleksander V. Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation; Emilio Giménez, Vice-Minister for Economic and Integration Affairs, Paraguay; Yerzhan Kazykhanov, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kazakhstan; George Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana; Hugo Fernández, Vice-Minister of External Relations, Bolivia; Pradap Pibulsonggram, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand; Walter Fust, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland; Helmut K. Angula, Director-General, National Planning Commission, Namibia; Victor Borges, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Cape Verde; Ruben Molina, Director for Multilateral Affairs, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Vilma McNish, Under-Secretary, Multilateral Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica; Surood H. Najib, Head of the Organizations and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iraq; and Mark Lowcock, Director-General, Department for International Development, United Kingdom.

45. Statements were also made by Ricardo Ffrench-Davies, Chairman, Committee for Development Policy; Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Lennart Båge, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (also on behalf of FAO and the World Food Programme (WFP)); and Assane Diop, Executive Director, International Labour Organization (ILO).

46. Statements were then made by Renate Bloem, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations; Martin Khor, Third World Network, Malaysia; Fatima Ahmed, Zena for Women in Development; Colin O'Cuarachain, ActionAid, Nepal; Salma Abbasi, e-World-wide Group, Pakistan; and Arturo Romboli, World Scout Movement, Argentina.

47. At its 18th meeting, on 4 July, the Council continued its general debate on the theme of the annual ministerial review and heard statements by Koji Tsuruoka, Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan; Joakim Stymne, State Secretary of International Development Cooperation, Sweden; Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations in New York; Ahmet Üzümcü, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Makarim Wibisono, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy, Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations in New York; Don Mackay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations Office at Geneva (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand); Robert Hill, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations in New York; Claude Heller, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in New York; Li Baodong, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations in New York; Jean-Maurice Ripert, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Richard T. Miller, United States representative on the Economic and Social Council; Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations in New York; Itzhak Levanon, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Lee Sung-joo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Idriss Jazaïry, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Alpha Ibrahima Sow, Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations in New York; Alireza Moaiyeri, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Hilde Skorpen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Clemencia Forero Ucros, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Jane Asari-Ndelemani, representative of the Permanent Mission of Malawi to the United Nations in New York; Swashpawan Singh, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Adrian Neritani, Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations in New York; Frank Majoor, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York; Alfredo Lopes Cabral, Permanent Representative of Guinea-Bissau to the United Nations in New York; Saúl Weisleder, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York; Amir Muharemi, Deputy Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations in New York; Juan Eduardo Eguiguren, Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office at Geneva; and Jorge A. Ferrer Rodriguez, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

48. At the same meeting, statements were also made by Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Ali Mchumo, Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities;

Ibrahim Osman, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and Luca Dall'Oglio, Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in New York.

49. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by Thierry Weird, ATD Quart Monde; Maria Albuquerque, the Legion of Goodwill; Michel Clerc, Droit à l'Énergie; and Jianjun Cui, United Nations Association of China.

50. Parallel to its 18th meeting, the Council also held two round-table discussions.

Round table 1
Ending the cycle of food crises: a home-grown green revolution in Africa

51. The round table was co-chaired by Victor Borges, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde, and David Harcharik, Deputy Director-General of FAO, who both made statements.

52. The round table was moderated by Kanayo Nwanze, Vice-President of IFAD.

53. The lead discussant, Jeffrey Sachs, adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals, made a statement.

54. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Daly Belgasmi, Director, World Food Programme (WFP), Geneva; Jerome Gefu, Board Member, Land Net, West Africa; Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa; Ato Mekonnen Manyazewal, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia; and Elias Nyamlell Wakason, State Minister for International Cooperation, the Sudan.

55. The panellists and lead discussant engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Luxembourg, Benin, Portugal, Brazil and Guyana, and with the observers for Namibia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Central African Republic, Kenya and Israel.

56. Statements were also made by the representative of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and representatives of civil society.

57. The moderator summarized the round-table discussion and the lead discussant made concluding remarks.

Round table 2
Poverty eradication — making it happen

58. The round table was chaired by Romulo L. Neri, Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority, the Philippines, who made a statement.

59. The round table was moderated by Juan Somavía, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, who also made a statement.

60. A statement was also made by the lead discussant, Kwesi Botchwey, Professor of Practice of Development Economics, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, and Member of the Committee for Development Policy.

61. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Carmen Alcoreza, Deputy Minister of Public Investment and Financing, Bolivia; Jean Gabriel Randrianarison, Secretary-General, Ministry of Economy, Planning, Private Sector

and Commerce, Madagascar; Juan Pablo de Laiglesia, Secretary-General, Spanish Agency for International Cooperation; Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chairman, Anglo American plc; Jane Nelson, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and Wilfried Lütkenhorst, Chief of Cabinet and Director of the Bureau for Organizational Strategy and Learning, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

62. The panellists and lead discussant engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), China and Kazakhstan, and with the observers for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Kenya.

63. A statement was also made by a representative of civil society.

64. The moderator summarized the round-table discussion and the Chairman made concluding remarks.

Launch of the Development Cooperation Forum

65. At its 19th meeting, on 5 July, the Council launched the Development Cooperation Forum and heard opening remarks by the President of the Council (see E/2007/SR.19).

66. The Secretary-General made a statement at the meeting.

67. At the same meeting, the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), China, the United States and the Russian Federation and the observer for Switzerland made statements.

68. The Council then adjourned its plenary meeting and proceeded with the holding of two parallel round tables.

Round table 1
Promoting greater coherence among development activities of different development partners: the role of national aid coordination and management

69. The round table was chaired by the President of the Council.

70. The round table was moderated by Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa, who made a statement.

71. A statement was also made by the lead discussant, Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria.

72. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Zakia Maghi, Minister of Finance, the United Republic of Tanzania; Le Hoai Trung, Director-General, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam; Olav Kjørven, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; and Julian Lob-Levyt, Executive Secretary, GAVI Alliance, and Chief Executive Officer, GAVI Fund, Geneva.

73. A statement was made by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti).

74. Interventions were made by the representatives of South Africa, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Cape Verde, Denmark, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, New Zealand and Barbados, and by the observers for Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia and Namibia.

75. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation (OECD) and Development and the International Parliamentary Union (IPU).

76. The representative of UNESCO also made a statement.

77. The moderator summarized the round-table discussion.

Round table 2
Review of trends in international development cooperation: South-South and triangular cooperation

78. The round table was chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), who made a statement.

79. A statement was also made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, who moderated the round table.

80. Presentations were made by the following panellists: Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York and Chairman of the Group of 77; Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD; Richard Manning, Chair, OECD/Development Assistance Committee; and Björn Stigson, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Geneva.

81. Interventions were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, the Sudan, Sri Lanka, Benin, Kazakhstan, Japan, the United States, India and Costa Rica and by the observers for Nigeria, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Honduras.

82. Statements were also made by the representatives of the European Community and the South Centre.

C. Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment

Submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

83. At the 20th meeting, on 5 July, the President of the Council introduced the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment contained in an informal paper circulated in English only (see E/2007/SR.20).

84. At the 22nd meeting, on 6 July, the representative of Mexico, as facilitator for negotiations on the draft ministerial declaration, reported on the outcome of the informal consultations.

85. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

86. Also at the same meeting, the President of the Council made a statement (see E/2007/SR.22).

Action taken by the Council

87. At the 27th meeting, on 10 July, the President made a statement and read out the amendments to the draft ministerial declaration (see E/2007/SR.27).

88. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft ministerial declaration contained in an unedited, informal paper circulated in English only, as orally amended.

89. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Cuba made statements.

90. The text of the ministerial declaration read as follows:

"Ministerial declaration

"Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development

"We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations participating in the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council, held at Geneva from 2 to 5 July 2007,

"*Having considered* the theme of the annual ministerial review, 'Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development', the report of the Secretary-General on the subject[1] and the contributions made leading up to and during the high-level segment,

"*Having also considered* the theme 'Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies', the report of the Secretary-General on the subject[2] and the contributions made during the high-level segment,

"*Reaffirming* the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

"*Recalling* the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the development goals and objectives contained therein, and recognizing the vital role played by these conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives, which have contributed to improving human life in different parts of the world,

"*Reaffirming* that development is a central goal in and of itself and that sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental aspects constitutes a key element of the overarching framework of United Nations activities,

"*Recognizing* that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

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[1] E/2007/71.
[2] E/2007/68.

"*Reaffirming* that gender equality and the promotion and protection of the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all are essential to eradicate poverty and hunger,

"*Reiterating* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and that it is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries,

"*Recognizing* that while globally extreme poverty is declining at a notable rate, progress has been uneven, and that at the same time the number of people living in extreme poverty continues to increase in some countries, particularly in the least developed countries and in sub-Saharan Africa,

"*Remaining concerned* that many countries in Africa are currently not on track to achieve any of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration by 2015[3] and in this regard emphasizing that concerted efforts and continued support are required to fulfil the commitments to address the special needs of Africa,

"*Recognizing* that empowerment of the poor is essential for the effective eradication of poverty and hunger,

"*Recognizing also* that rural areas of developing countries continue to be home to the vast majority of the world's poor people, whose livelihoods depend to a large extent on agriculture,

"*Reaffirming* the commitments to the global partnership for development as set out in the Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus[4] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,[5]

"*Have adopted* the following declaration:

"1. We welcome the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the holding of the first annual ministerial review, including the voluntary national presentations made by Bangladesh, Barbados, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Ethiopia and Ghana, and the launch of the Development Cooperation Forum.

"2. We invite all countries to consider making voluntary national presentations at future annual ministerial reviews.

"3. We also welcome the holding of the Civil Society Development Forum at Geneva from 28 to 30 June 2007.

"4. We reiterate our resolve to strengthen our efforts to eradicate the scourges of poverty and hunger and to make that goal the central priority of national development strategies and international development cooperation.

"5. We recognize that sustained economic growth is essential for eradicating poverty and hunger, in particular in developing countries. We commit ourselves to promoting sustained economic growth in developing

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[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

countries and recognize that national efforts in this regard should be complemented by an international enabling environment.

"6. We reiterate that the eradication of poverty, hunger and malnutrition, particularly as they affect children, is crucial for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and that rural and agricultural development should be an integral part of national and international development policies. In this regard, we call for increased productive investment in rural and agricultural development to achieve food security and for enhanced support for agricultural development and trade capacity-building in the agricultural sector in developing countries.

"7. We emphasize that, inter alia, increasing access, through national action and international support, to safe drinking water, basic sanitation, energy, universal education, health care and social protection will reduce both inequality and poverty.

"8. We reiterate the importance of taking measures at all levels to strengthen the development of non-agricultural sectors, in particular medium-sized, small and microenterprises.

"9. We also reiterate our strong support for fair globalization and the need to translate growth into reduction of poverty and in this regard resolve to make the goals of full and productive employment and decent work for all, including for women and young people, a central objective of relevant national and international policies as well as national development strategies, including poverty reduction strategies, as part of efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

"10. We call for promotion and facilitation of, as appropriate, access to and the development, transfer and diffusion of technologies, including new and advanced environmentally sound technologies and corresponding know-how, to developing countries.

"11. We call on all countries to adopt strategies for reducing urban poverty, call on the United Nations system and other relevant organizations to support developing countries in this regard and invite the international financial institutions to support those efforts, as appropriate.

"12. We reaffirm our commitment to prioritize actions and allocate resources to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in all countries and agree to undertake measures to provide malnourished people with increased access to food.

"13. We reiterate that all countries should promote gender equality and empowerment of women and, as called for, inter alia, in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action[6] and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,[7] identify and accelerate actions towards that end.

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[6] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[7] General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

"14. We recognize that microfinance, including microcredit, can make an important contribution to poverty eradication and the empowerment of the poor, including through programmes that could facilitate productive self-employment, promote gender equality and reduce the social and economic vulnerability of the poor. We encourage all countries to facilitate the expansion of microfinance, including microcredit, in order to service the large unmet demand among poor people for financial services.

"15. We resolve to intensify our efforts towards the goal of universal access to HIV prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010, enhanced access to affordable medicines, reduction of the incidence of tuberculosis by half by 2015 and reduction of the large number of deaths from malaria and other infectious diseases, including through increased resources; and in this regard we welcome the commitment by the Group of Eight to increase funding to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, including the strengthening of health systems, to 60 billion dollars in the coming years. We also resolve to continue efforts to reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and strengthen health-care systems to help us meet the needs of our populations in all spheres of health, including sexual and reproductive health.

"16. We emphasize the critical role of both formal and informal education in the achievement of poverty eradication and other development goals as envisaged in the Millennium Declaration, in particular basic education and training for eradicating illiteracy, and strive for expanded secondary and higher education as well as vocational and technical training, especially for girls and women, the creation of human resources and infrastructure capabilities and the empowerment of those living in poverty.

"17. We reaffirm our commitment to achieve the goal of sustainable development including through the implementation of Agenda 21[8] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. To that end, we commit ourselves to undertaking concrete actions and measures at all levels and to enhancing international cooperation, taking into account the Rio principles.[9] These efforts will also promote the integration of the three components of sustainable development — economic development, social development and environmental protection — as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars. Poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development.

"18. We recognize the negative impact of environmental degradation and climate change on sustainable development in all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries.

"19. We recall the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[10] including the acknowledgement that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all

[8] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[9] Ibid., annex I.

[10] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions.

"20. We reaffirm that responses to climate change should be coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner, with a view to avoiding adverse impact on the latter, taking into full account the legitimate priority needs of developing countries for the achievement of sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty.

"21. We look forward to measures to address climate change within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007. We also look forward to the Secretary-General's high-level event on climate change, which is to take place in New York on 24 September 2007.

"22. We reiterate the need to fully implement the global partnership for development and to enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World Summit in order to operationalize and implement, at all levels, the commitments in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the 2005 World Summit, in the economic, social and related fields and stress that all countries should promote policies coherent and consistent with those commitments, including those systemic in nature.

"23. We reaffirm our commitment to sound policies, good governance at all levels and the rule of law, and to mobilizing domestic resources, attracting international flows, promoting international trade as an engine for development, increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development, sustainable debt financing and external debt relief and enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems.

"24. We also reaffirm that each country must take primary responsibility for its own development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized in the achievement of sustainable development. We also recognize that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of developing countries, while taking into account national conditions and ensuring respect for national ownership, strategies and sovereignty.

"25. We reiterate that in our common pursuit of growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development, a critical challenge is to ensure the necessary internal conditions for mobilizing domestic savings, both public and private, sustaining adequate levels of productive investment and increasing human capacity. A crucial task is to enhance the efficacy, coherence and consistency of macroeconomic policies. An enabling domestic environment is vital for mobilizing domestic resources, increasing productivity, reducing capital flight, encouraging the private sector and attracting and making effective use of international investment and assistance. Efforts to create such an environment should be supported by the international community.

"26. We acknowledge efforts by developed countries to increase resources for development, including commitments by some developed countries to increase official development assistance. We note with concern, however, the overall decline in official development assistance in 2006 and call for the fulfilment of all official development assistance commitments, including the commitments by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance by 2015 and to reach at least 0.5 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance by 2010, as well as the target of 0.15 per cent to 0.20 per cent for the least developed countries, and urge those developed countries that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts in this regard in accordance with their commitments.

"27. We welcome the efforts by some developed countries, which are on target to meet the commitments made in terms of increased official development assistance.

"28. We also welcome recent efforts and initiatives to enhance the quality of aid and to increase its impact, including the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and resolve to take concrete, effective and timely action in implementing all agreed commitments on aid effectiveness, with clear monitoring and deadlines, including through further aligning assistance with countries' strategies, building institutional capacities, reducing transaction costs and eliminating bureaucratic procedures, making progress on untying aid, enhancing the absorptive capacity and financial management of recipient countries and strengthening the focus on development results.

"29. We resolve to ensure that existing commitments of additional external resources for sub-Saharan Africa are fully implemented in order to promote achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in that region.

"30. We call for the full, timely and effective achievement of the goals and targets of the Brussels Programme of Action,[11] the Almaty Programme of Action,[12] the Barbados Programme of Action[13] and the Mauritius Strategy[14] to address the special needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States.

"31. We emphasize the need to support the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries, in accordance with the smooth transition strategy[15] for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries.

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[11] A/CONF.191/13, chap. II.

[12] *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.

[13] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[14] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[15] General Assembly resolution 59/209.

"32. We reaffirm the commitments made in the Doha Ministerial Declaration,[16] the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration[17] and the decision of the General Council of the World Trade Organization of 1 August 2004[18] to meaningfully integrate the developing and the least developed countries into the multilateral trading system and call for the successful and timely completion of the Doha Round of trade negotiations, with the full realization of the development dimensions of the Doha Work Programme.[16]

"33. We call for the early conclusion and successful development-oriented outcome of the Doha Round of trade negotiations, adhering fully to the agreed mandate in the Doha Ministerial Declaration, within the framework adopted by the General Council of the World Trade Organization in its decision of 1 August 2004, and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration.

"34. We call upon all countries to promote good governance, which is essential for sustainable development, and reaffirm that sound economic policies, solid democratic institutions responsive to the needs of the people and improved infrastructure are the basis for sustained economic growth, poverty eradication and employment creation and that freedom, peace and security, domestic stability, respect for human rights, including the right to development, the rule of law, gender equality, market-oriented policies and an overall commitment to just and democratic societies, are also essential and mutually reinforcing.

"35. We resolve to pursue good governance and sound macroeconomic policies at all levels and to support developing countries in their efforts to put in place the policies and investments to drive sustained economic growth, promote small and medium-sized enterprises and employment generation and stimulate the private sector.

"36. We reaffirm that good governance at the international level is fundamental for achieving sustainable development, that in order to ensure a dynamic and enabling international economic environment it is important to promote global economic governance through addressing the international finance, trade, technology and investment patterns that have an impact on the development prospects of developing countries and that, to that end, the international community should take all necessary and appropriate measures, including ensuring support for structural and macroeconomic reform, a comprehensive solution to the external debt problem and increasing the market access of developing countries.

"37. We also reaffirm the commitment to broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in international economic decision-making and norm-setting, stress, to that end, the importance of continuing efforts to reform the international financial architecture, noting that enhancing the voice and participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Bretton Woods institutions remains a continuous concern, and call in this regard for further and effective progress.

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[16] A/C.2/56/7, annex.
[17] World Trade Organization document WT/MIN(05)/BEC.
[18] See World Trade Organization document WT/L/579.

"38. We call for measures at all levels to promote pro-poor growth in a sustained manner and underline in this regard the need for equitable microeconomic policies.

"39. We recognize that poverty and inequality are a concern for all countries regardless of their level of development. We also recognize that middle-income countries still face significant areas of poverty and that efforts to address those challenges should be supported.

"40. We acknowledge the vital role the private sector can play in promoting economic growth and eradicating poverty and hunger by generating new investments, employment and financing for development.

"41. We recognize the role that public-private partnerships can play in our efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, the need to ensure that their activities conform fully with the principle of national ownership of development strategies and the need for effective accountability and transparency in their implementation.

"42. We acknowledge the critical role of the public sector in promoting sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty and hunger.

"43. We renew our commitment to continuing to discuss innovative mechanisms for financing for development. We acknowledge the progress made in this area and invite countries to consider contributing in this regard.

"44. We recognize, in this regard, the value of developing innovative sources of financing from various sources on public, private, domestic and external bases in order to increase and supplement traditional sources of financing.

"45. We request the Economic and Social Council to consider reviewing its existing mechanisms and, where needed, to take appropriate action to ensure effective review and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

"46. We look forward to our continuing engagement, within the renewed and strengthened Economic and Social Council, to advancing the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals."

Closure of the high-level segment

91. At the 27th meeting, on 10 July, the President of the Council made a concluding statement and declared the high-level segment of the 2007 substantive session of the Council closed (see E/2007/SR.27).

Chapter IV
Coordination segment

The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all

1. The Council held a discussion on "The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all" (agenda item 4) at its 22nd to 25th, 34th and 47th meetings, on 6, 9, 10, 17 and 27 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.22-25, 34 and 47). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (A/62/89-E/2007/76);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all (E/2007/49).

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 6 July, the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines) made an opening statement (see E/2007/SR.22).

3. At the 22nd and 24th meetings, on 6 and 9 July, the Director of the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement (see E/2007/SR.22 and 24).

Panel discussion: "Toolkit for mainstreaming employment and decent work"

4. At the 22nd meeting, the Council held a panel discussion entitled "Toolkit for mainstreaming employment and decent work". Opening remarks were made by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines).

5. The following panellists made presentations: Maria Anjelica Ducci, Executive Director, Office of the Director-General, ILO; Themba Masuku, Director, Geneva Liaison Office, FAO; Susanne Weber-Mosdorf, Assistant Director General, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments, World Health Organization (WHO); and Olav Kjorven, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP.

6. The panellists responded to comments made by the delegations of Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom, Mexico, Argentina, Algeria, Nigeria, Norway, the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Panel discussion: "The role of the United Nations system in promoting employment and decent work agenda in national strategic frameworks: the case of Latin America and the Caribbean"

7. At the 23rd meeting, the Council held a panel discussion on "The role of the United Nations system in promoting employment and decent work agenda in national strategic frameworks: the case of Latin America and the Caribbean". Opening remarks were made by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines).

8. Presentations were made by Rebecca Grynspan, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP; Marcella Suazo, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Philippe Egger, Deputy Director, Office of the Director-General, ILO; and Nils Kastberg, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

9. The panellists responded to comments made by the delegations of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Costa Rica, Brazil, Mexico, Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras, Indonesia, Barbados, Algeria, Finland, Sweden, Iceland and Morocco.

Dialogue with the Chairpersons of the functional commissions: "Working together to promote the goals of decent work and full employment for all"

10. At its 25th meeting, on 10 July, the Council held a dialogue with the chairpersons of the functional commissions on the topic "Working together to promote the goals of decent work and full employment for all". Opening remarks were made by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines) (see E/2007/SR.25).

11. Presentations were made by: the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development; the Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Chairman of the Commission on Population and Development; the Chairman-designate of the United Nations Forum on Forests; the Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development; the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the observer for Malaysia, on behalf of the Chairman of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development; and the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the Chairman of the Statistical Commission.

12. The chairpersons of the functional commissions and the representative of Malaysia responded to comments made by the delegations of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Bolivia, El Salvador, China, Algeria and Haiti and the representative of ILO.

Action taken by the Council

13. Under agenda item 4, the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/2** and **2007/29** and **decision 2007/261**.

The role of the United Nations system in providing full and productive employment and decent work for all

14. At its 34th meeting, on 17 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.14) entitled "The role of the United Nations system in providing full and productive employment and decent work for all", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations.

15. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/2**.

Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

16. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.32) entitled "Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations.

17. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/29**.

18. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Portugal made a statement on behalf of the European Union (see E/2007/SR.47).

Theme of the 2008 coordination segment

19. Also at its 47th meeting, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2007/L.33) entitled "Theme of the 2008 coordination segment", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations.

20. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2007/261**.

Chapter V

Operational activities segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

1. The Council considered agenda item 3 at its 26th and 28th to 30th meetings, held from 10 to 12 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.26 and 28-30).

2. At its 26th meeting, on 10 July, the Council held a high-level interactive panel discussion on the "Contribution and effectiveness of the United Nations development system" under the chairmansnip of the Acting Vice-President of the Council, Idriss Jazaïry (Algeria).

3. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Kim Hak-Su, served as moderator.

4. Presentations were made by Bert Koenders, Minister for Development Cooperation, the Netherlands, and Serge Chappatte, Assistant Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation. Following the presentations, comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Brazil and Barbados, to which the panellists responded.

5. Presentations were made by Phongsavath Boupha, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Antonin Dossou, Director of Cabinet, Ministry for Development, Economic and Finance, Benin.

6. Following presentations by Annika Söder, Assistant Director-General, FAO, Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS, and Ad Melkert, Associate Administrator, UNDP, a dialogue ensued with the delegations of Thailand, Namibia, Barbados, Indonesia and Portugal.

7. A comment was also made by the observer for the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the Economic and Social Council.

8. The Acting Vice-President of the Council, Idriss Jazaïry (Algeria), summarized the panel discussion.

9. At its 29th meeting, on 11 July, the Council held a panel discussion with a team of United Nations regional directors from Latin America and the Caribbean on the effectiveness of the United Nations development system at the regional level. The discussion was chaired by the Acting Vice-President of the Council, Idriss Jazaïry (Algeria).

10. The representative of the Director-General for Partnerships and United Nations Reform, WHO, Denis Aitken, served as moderator and made a statement.

11. Presentations were made by Valdrack Jaentschke, Vice-Minister for Cooperation, Nicaragua; Mr. José Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Rebeca Grynspan, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, UNDP/Latin America and the Caribbean; Marcela Suazo, Regional Director, UNFPA/Latin America and the Caribbean; and Nils Kastberg, Regional Director, UNICEF/Latin America and the Caribbean.

12. The panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the delegations of the Philippines, Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Haiti, Panama, Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Bolivia, Mexico, Sweden and Canada.

A. Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

13. The Council considered item 3 (a) at its 30th meeting, on 12 July. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/62/74-E/2007/54);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations development system (A/62/73-E/2007/52);

(c) Progress made in 2007 in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 (E/2007/CRP.1);

(d) Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities for development, 2005-2007 (E/2007/CRP.3).

14. At the same meeting, an introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (see E/2007/SR.30).

Action taken by the Council

15. Under agenda item 3 (a), the Council adopted **decision 2007/221**.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with item 3 (a)

16. Also at its 30th meeting, on the proposal of the Acting Vice-President, Idriss Jazaïry, (Algeria), the Council decided to take note of the: (a) report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations development system (A/62/73-E/2007/52); and the (b) report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/62/74-E/2007/54). See Council **decision 2007/221**.

B. Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

17. The Council considered item 3 (b) at its 28th meeting, on 11 July. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the first, second and annual sessions of 2006 (E/2006/34/Rev.1);[1]

(b) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2007 (E/2007/34 (Part I));

(c) Addendum to the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2007: Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme (E/2007/34 (Part I)/Add.1);

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund on its work during 2006 (E/2006/35);[2]

(e) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/5);

(f) Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/6);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2006 (E/2007/14);

(h) Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2006 (E/2007/36);[3]

(i) Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund at its first regular session of 2006 (DP/2006/16);

(j) Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund at its annual session of 2007 (DP/2007/40);

(k) Extract from the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 2007 annual session: Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session of 2007 (E/2007/L.11).

18. At its 28th meeting, on 11 July, under the chairmanship of the Acting Vice-President of the Council, Idriss Jazaïry (Algeria), the Council held a dialogue with heads of United Nations funds and programmes. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Sha Zukang, served as moderator and made a statement.

19. Presentations were made by Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA; Ad Melkert, Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator, UNDP; Ann Veneman, Executive Director, UNICEF; and Jean-Jacques Graisse, Senior Deputy Executive Director, WFP.

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[1] To be issued in *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 14* (E/2006/34/Rev.1).

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 15* (E/2006/35).

[3] Ibid., 2007, *Supplement No. 16* (E/2007/36).

20. The panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the delegations of the United States, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Belgium, the Russian Federation, China, Sweden, Australia, South Africa, Iceland, Portugal, Canada, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Algeria, Norway and Barbados.

Action taken by the Council

21. Under item 3 (b), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/220** and **2007/221**.

Proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

22. At its 30th meeting, on 12 July, the Council decided to endorse the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, recommended by the Executive Board of the Programme, for approval by the General Assembly (E/2007/36). See Council **decision 2007/220**.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with item 3 (b)

23. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Acting Vice-President, Idriss Jazaïry, (Algeria), the Council decided to take note of the:

(a) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the first, second and annual sessions of 2006 (E/2006/34/Rev.1);[4]

(b) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2007 (E/2007/34 (Part I));

(c) Addendum to the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular session of 2007: Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme (E/2007/34 (Part I)/Add.1);

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund on its work during 2006 (E/2006/35);[5]

(e) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/5);

(f) Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/6);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2006 (E/2007/14);

[4] Ibid., *2006, Supplement No. 14* (E/2006/34/Rev.1).

[5] Ibid., *2006, Supplement No. 15* (E/2006/35).

(h) Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2006 (E/2007/36).[6]

See Council **decision 2007/221**.

C. South-South cooperation for development

24. Also at its 30th meeting, the Council considered item 3 (c). The Council had before it the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its fifteenth session (A/62/39).

25. No action was taken by the Council under the item.

[6] Ibid., *2007, Supplement No. 16* (E/2007/36).

Chapter VI
Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

1. The Council considered agenda item 5 at its substantive session at its 31st to 34th meetings, held on 16 and 17 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.31-34). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the Central Emergency Response Fund (A/62/72-E/2007/73);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (A/62/83-E/2007/67);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/62/87-E/2007/70);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Towards a United Nations Humanitarian Assistance Programme for Disaster Response and Reduction: lessons learned from the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (A/61/699-E/2007/8);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/699/Add.1-E/2007/8/Add.1);

(f) Identical letters dated 20 and 27 June 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/62/94-E/2007/83).

2. At its 31st meeting on 16 July 2007, the Council heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. Introductory statements were also made by an Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit and the representative of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) (see E/2007/SR.31).

Panel discussion: "The use of military assets for natural disaster relief"

3. At its 32nd meeting, on 16 July, the Council held a panel discussion on the use of military assets for natural disaster. The Vice-President of the Council, Hjálmar Hannesson (Iceland), opened the panel discussion and made a statement.

4. The Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Margareta Wahlstrom, served as moderator.

5. The following panellists made presentations: Colonel Roberto Claudio del Rosal Ibarra, Head of the subsection for civil protection, Ministry of Defence, Mexico; Jean-Jacques Graisse, Senior Deputy Executive Director, WFP; Susan Johnson, Director, National Societies and Field Support Division, International

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Paulo Zucula, Director of National Disaster Management Institute, Mozambique; and Alyson J. K. Bailes, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

6. The panellists responded to comments made and questions raised by the delegations of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Bolivia, Pakistan, Norway, Australia, Canada, Japan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

7. At the same meeting, the moderator summarized the discussion.

Panel discussion: "Needs-based humanitarian financing, including the Central Emergency Response Fund"

8. At its 33rd meeting, on 17 July, the Council held a panel discussion on needs-based humanitarian financing, including the Central Emergency Response Fund. The Vice-President of the Council, Hjálmar Hannesson (Iceland), opened the panel discussion and made a statement.

9. The Minister of Planning, Economy and International Cooperation, Central African Republic, Sylvain Maliko, served as moderator.

10. The following panellists made presentations: John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; Marika Fahlen, Ambassador and Special Envoy (Sweden), Chair of the Central Emergency Response Fund Advisory Group; Oluseyi Bajulaye, United Nations Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator and Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the Sudan; Daniel Toole, Deputy Executive Director, a.i., Director of the Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF; and Nick Roseveare, Humanitarian Director of Oxfam, UK.

11. The panellists responded to comments made and questions raised by the delegations of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Norway, Germany, Bolivia, Somalia, Turkey, the Russian Federation and the Sudan, and by representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Economic Community of West African States.

Action taken by the Council

12. Under agenda item 5, the Council adopted **resolution 2007/3**.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

13. At its 34th meeting, on 17 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.15) entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Hjálmar Hannesson (Iceland), on the basis of informal consultations.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of Mexico, as facilitator for negotiations held on the draft resolution, orally corrected operative paragraphs 8 and 11 of the text (see E/2007/SR.34).

15. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected. See Council **resolution 2007/3**.

16. Also at the 34th meeting, after the adoption of the resolution, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator made a concluding statement (see E/2007/SR.34).

Chapter VII
General segment

A. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

1. The Council considered the implementation and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (agenda item 6) jointly with the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (agenda item 8) at its 35th meeting, on 19 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.35).

2. The Council considered the question of follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 6 (a)) at its 35th and 47th meetings, on 19 and 27 July 2007 (see E/2007/SR.35 and 47).

3. The Council considered the question of review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (agenda item 6 (b)) at its 36th and 47th meetings, on 19 and 27 July 2007 (see E/2007/SR.36 and 47).

4. At the 35th meeting, on 19 July, the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), opened the general segment of the substantive session of the Council of 2007 (see E/2007/SR.35).

5. At the 36th meeting, on 19 July, the Council heard an introductory statement by a representative of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (see E/2007/SR.36).

6. For its consideration of item 6, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (A/62/89-E/2007/76) (see also under items 4, 7 (f), 8, 13 and 14);

(b) Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/2007/74);

(c) First annual report of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (E/2007/CRP.4) (English only).

7. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 6 (Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) transmitting the report of the FAO Committee on World Food Security on the

progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/2007/74).

Action taken by the Council

8. Under agenda item 6, the Council adopted **decision 2007/276**.

Report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action

9. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/2007/74) (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/276**.

1. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (agenda item 6 (a))

10. For its consideration of item 6 (a), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/62/76-E/2007/55 and Corr.1);

(b) Letter dated 4 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/71-E/2007/46).

Action taken by the Council

11. Under agenda item 6 (a), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/30**.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

12. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.31) entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" submitted by Mexico.

13. At the same meeting the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/30**.

2. Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (agenda item 6 (b))

14. For its consideration of item 6 (b), the Council had before it the annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/62/79-E/2007/63).

Action taken by the Council

15. Under agenda item 6 (b), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/31**.

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

16. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.36) entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

17. At the same meeting the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/31**.

B. Coordination, programme and other questions

18. The Council considered agenda item 7 at its 37th, 39th, 42nd to 45th and 47th meetings, on 20 and 23 to 27 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.37, 39, 42-45 and 47).

19. The Council considered the reports of coordination bodies (item 7 (a)) jointly with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (item 7 (b)) at its 37th meeting, on 20 July (see E/2007/SR.37).

20. The Council considered the question of international cooperation in the field of informatics (item 7 (c)) jointly with the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 6) and science and technology for development (item 13 (b)) at its 43rd meeting, on 25 July (see E/2007/SR.43).

21. The Council considered the question of long-term programme of support for Haiti (item 7 (d)) at its 37th and 44th meetings, on 20 and 25 July (see E/2007/SR.37 and 44).

22. The Council considered the question of mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (item 7 (e)) jointly with the advancement of women (agenda item 14 (a)) and women and development (agenda item 13 (l)) at its 42nd and 47th meetings, on 24 and 27 July (see E/2007/SR.42 and 47).

23. The Council considered the question of the ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict (agenda item 7 (g)) at its 45th meeting, on 26 July (see E/2007/SR.45).

24. The Council considered the question of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (item 7 (h)) at its 45th and 47th meetings, on 26 and 27 July (see E/2007/SR.45 and 47).

25. The Council considered the calendar of conferences (agenda item 7 (i)) at its 45th meeting, on 26 July (see E/2007/SR.45).

26. At the 37th meeting, on 20 July, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the secretariat of CEB (under agenda item 7 (a)) (see E/2007/SR.37).

27. At the 39th meeting, on 23 July, an introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNAIDS (under agenda item 7 (h)) (see E/2007/SR.39).

28. At the 42nd meeting, on 24 July, an introductory statement was made by the representative of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Division for the Advancement of Women (under agenda items 7 (e), 13 (l) and 14 (a)) (see E/2007/SR.42).

29. At the 43rd meeting, on 25 July, an introductory statement was made by the representative of the Information Technology Services Division, the Department of Management (under agenda item 7 (c)) (see E/2007/SR.43).

1. Reports of coordination bodies (agenda item 7 (a))

30. For its consideration of item 7 (a), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006/07 (E/2007/69);

(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16).[1]

Action taken by the Council

31. Under agenda item 7 (a), the Council adopted **decision 2007/222**.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with agenda item 7 (a)

32. At its 37th meeting, on 20 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the following documents:

(a) Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006/07 (E/2007/69);

(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16).

33. See Council **decision 2007/222**.

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (agenda item 7 (b))

34. Under agenda item 7 (b), the Council had before it the relevant programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009 (relevant fascicles of A/62/6, Sects. 9, 10, 12 and Corr.1, 13 to 19 and Corr.1, 20, 21, 23 and Corr.1, 24 and Corr.1, 25 and 26 (English only).

35. No action was taken by the Council under the item.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

3. International cooperation in the field of informatics (agenda item 7 (c))

36. For its consideration of item 7 (c), the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the field of informatics (E/2007/59).

Action taken by the Council

37. Under agenda item 7 (c), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/14**.

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

38. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.24) entitled "The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

39. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/14**.

4. Long-term programme of support for Haiti (agenda item 7 (d))

40. Under agenda item 7 (d), the Council had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (E/2007/78).

Action taken by the Council

41. Under agenda item 7 (d), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/13**.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

42. At the 37th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile,[2] Haiti, Spain,[2] and Trinidad and Tobago,[2] introduced a draft resolution entitled "Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti" (E/2007/L.18). Subsequently, Angola, Barbados, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guyana, Mexico, Paraguay and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

43. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft resolution and orally corrected operative paragraph 10 by deleting the words "in Haiti" at the end of the paragraph (see E/2007/SR.44).

44. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised. See Council **resolution 2007/13**.

45. Also at the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Haiti (see E/2007/SR.44).

[2] In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

5. Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (agenda item 7 (e))

46. For its consideration of item 7 (e), the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system (E/2007/64) (see also under item 14 (a)).

Action taken by the Council

47. Under agenda item 7 (e), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/33**.

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

48. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.28) entitled "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti) under agenda items 7 (e) and 14 (a), on the basis of informal consultations.

49. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/33**.

50. Also at the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the observer for Chile (see E/2007/SR.47).

6. Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (agenda item 7 (f))

51. For its consideration of item 7 (f), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (A/62/89-E/2007/76) (see also under items 4, 6, 8, 13 and 14);

(b) First annual report of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (E/2007/CRP.4) (English only) (see also under item 6).

52. No action was taken by the Council under the item.

7. Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict (agenda item 7 (g))

53. Under agenda item 7 (g), the Council had before it the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2007/57).

Action taken by the Council

54. Under agenda item 7 (g), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/15**.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

55. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.27) entitled "Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

56. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft resolution (see E/2007/SR.45).

57. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/15**.

58. Also at the 45th meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Haiti and Guinea-Bissau (see E/2007/SR.45).

8. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (agenda item 7 (h))

59. For its consideration of item 7 (h), the Council had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (E/2007/56).

Action taken by the Council

60. Under agenda item 7 (h), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/32**.

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

61. At the 45th meeting, the representative of Thailand, on behalf of Andorra,[2] Australia,[2] Barbados, Benin, Canada, France, Indonesia, Ireland,[2] Italy,[2] Kenya,[2] Mexico, Myanmar,[2] New Zealand, Norway,[2] the Philippines, the Republic of Korea,[2] Sri Lanka, Sweden,[2] Switzerland,[2] the Sudan, Thailand and the United Kingdom, introduced a draft resolution (E/2007/L.23) entitled "Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)".

62. Subsequently, Albania, Belarus, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland,[2] Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Luxembourg, Monaco, Paraguay,[2] Poland,[2] Turkey,[2] and Ukraine[2] joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

63. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/32**.

64. At the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Sri Lanka (see E/2007/SR.47).

9. Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields (agenda item 7 (i))

65. For its consideration of item 7 (i), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2008 and 2009 in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/L.10);

(b) Letter dated 20 July 2007 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/87).

Action taken by the Council

66. Under agenda item 7 (i), the Council adopted **decision 2007/248**.

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2008 and 2009 in the economic, social and related fields

67. At its 45th meeting, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), and following a statement by the observer for Jamaica, the Council approved the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2008 and 2009 in the economic, social and related fields, as contained in document E/2007/L.10. See Council **decision 2007/248**.

C. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

68. The Council considered the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (item 8) jointly with the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 6) at its 35th meeting, on 19 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.35).

69. For its consideration of item 8, the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (A/62/89-E/2007/76) (see also under agenda items 4, 6, 7 (f), 13 and 14).

Action taken by the Council

70. No action was taken by the Council under the item.

D. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

71. The Council considered item 9 at its 39th, 42nd and 46th meetings, on 23, 24 and 26 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.39, 42 and 46). It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/62/82-E/2007/66);

(b) Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2007/47);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/62/65).

72. At the 39th meeting, on 23 July, an introductory statement was made by the representative of Cuba, in her capacity as representative of the Special Committee on Decolonization (see E/2007/SR.39).

Action taken by the Council

73. Under agenda item 9, the Council adopted **resolution 2007/25** and **decision 2007/255**.

Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

74. At the 42nd meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bolivia, China, Congo,[2] Cuba, Dominica,[2] Fiji,[2] Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,[2] Namibia,[2] Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia,[2] Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,[2] South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic,[2] Uganda,[2] United Republic of Tanzania[2] and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of),[2] introduced a draft resolution (E/2007/L.19) entitled "Support to non-self-governing territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations".

75. At the 46th meeting, on 26 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 33 to none with 19 abstentions. See Council **resolution 2007/25**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Mauritania, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Albania, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

76. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States; after the adoption of the draft

resolution, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the Russian Federation. A statement was also made by the observer for Argentina.

Document considered by the Council in connection with agenda item 9

77. Also at its 46th meeting, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/62/82-E/2007/66). See Council **decision 2007/255**.

E. Regional cooperation

78. The Council considered agenda item 10 at its 39th, 45th and 47th meetings, on 23, 26 and 27 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.39, 45 and 47). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15);

(b) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2007/15/Add.1);

(c) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2007/15/Add.2);

(d) Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region (E/2007/16);

(e) Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2007 (E/2007/17);

(f) Summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2007 (E/2007/18);

(g) Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2006-2007 (E/2007/19);

(h) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2006-2007 (E/2007/20);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa on the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2007/21).

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions on the theme: "Regional aspects of the themes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council's 2007 substantive session"

79. At its 21st meeting on 6 July, the Council held a dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions. The President of the Council, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), opened the dialogue and made a statement and the Executive

Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and current Coordinator of the regional commissions, José Luis Machinea, served as moderator.

80. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Abdoulie Janneh; the Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Atif Kubursi; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, Marek Belka; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Kim Hak-Su; and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, José Luis Machinea.

81. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Barbados, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Haiti, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, China, Guinea, Luxembourg, Sweden, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Saudi Arabia, Honduras, Chile, Brazil, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Bolivia, and by the observers for the Sudan, Namibia, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sweden and Guatemala.

82. A statement was also made by the representative of ILO.

83. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the Economic and Social Council.

84. Also at the same meeting, the Executive Secretaries responded to comments and queries addressed to them.

Action taken by the Council

85. Under agenda item 10, the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/4**, **2007/5** and **2007/16** and **decision 2007/262**.

Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar

86. At the 39th meeting, on 23 July, the observer for Morocco,[2] also on behalf of Spain,[2] introduced a draft resolution (E/2007/L.12) entitled "Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar".

87. At the 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications (see E/2007/SR.45).

88. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/16**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

Review of the intergovernmental machinery of the Economic Commission for Africa

89. At its 39th meeting, on 23 July, following a statement by the Secretary, the Council adopted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the intergovernmental machinery of the Economic Commission for Africa" recommended by the Economic

Commission for Africa (see E/2007/15/Add.1, chap. I, para. 1). See Council **resolution 2007/4**.

90. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of the United States and the observer for Morocco (see E/2007/SR.39).

91. At the 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications with regard to document E/2007/15/Add.1 (see E/2007/SR.47).

Admission of the Republic of Korea as a member State of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

92. At its 39th meeting, the Council adopted a draft resolution entitled "Admission of the Republic of Korea as a member State of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" recommended by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (see E/2007/15/Add.2, chap. I, para. 1). See Council **resolution 2007/5**.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with regional cooperation

93. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region (E/2007/16);

(b) Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2007 (E/2007/17);

(c) Summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2007 (E/2007/18);

(d) Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2006-2007 (E/2007/19);

(e) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2006-2007 (E/2007/20).

94. See Council **decision 2007/262**.

F. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

95. The Council considered agenda item 11 at its 39th, 44th and 46th meetings, on 23, 25 and 26 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.39, 44 and 46). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the

occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/62/75-E/2007/13);

(b) Letter dated 24 July 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/88).

96. At the 39th meeting, on 23 July, an introductory statement was made by the representative of the Regional Commissions New York Office (see E/2007/SR.39).

Action taken by the Council

97. Under agenda item 11, the Council adopted **resolution 2007/26** and **decision 2007/256**.

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

98. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the League of Arab States, Cuba and Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, introduced a draft resolution (E/2007/L.26) entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan". Subsequently, South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

99. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council announced that, owing to a technical error, Sri Lanka had been erroneously listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution and should not have appeared on the document.

100. At the 46th meeting, on 26 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 29 to 2, with 18 abstentions. See Council **resolution 2007/26**. The voting was as follows:[3]

In favour:

Algeria, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Mauritania, Mexico, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand.

Against:

Canada, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[3] The delegation of Brazil subsequently indicated that its vote should have been in favour of the draft resolution.

101. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the observers for Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic and a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union); after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Japan.

Document considered by the Council in connection with agenda item 11

102. Also at the 46th meeting, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/62/75-E/2007/13). See Council **decision 2007/256**.

G. Non-governmental organizations

103. The Council considered agenda item 12 at its 38th meeting, on 20 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.38). The Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 regular session (E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2007 session (E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1).

Action taken by the Council

104. Under agenda item 12, the Council adopted **decisions 2007/223** to **2007/233**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 regular session

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

105. At the 38th meeting, on 20 July, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations" (see E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision I) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/223**.

Application of the World Sindhi Institute

106. At the same meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Application of the World Sindhi Institute" (see E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision II) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/224**.

Application of the Coalition gaie et lesbienne du Québec

107. Also at the same meeting, the Council had before it a draft decision entitled "Application of the Coalition gaie et lesbienne du Québec" (see E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision III) recommended by the Committee.

108. Also at the 38th meeting, the Council rejected the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 13 to 21, with 12 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belarus, Benin, Chad, China, Guinea, Iraq, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan.

Against:

Albania, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Angola, Barbados, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Paraguay, Philippines, Thailand.

109. Before the vote, a statement was made by the observer for Norway, and statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Brazil (see E/2007/SR.38).

110. During the vote, statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Guinea-Bissau and Norway, following which the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), made a ruling that the voting process would continue.

111. The representative of Pakistan appealed against the ruling, which was defeated by a vote by show of hands of 23 to 8, with 6 abstentions.

112. After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Guinea-Bissau and a statement was made by the representative of Benin (see E/2007/SR.38).

113. Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Algeria.

114. Also at the 38th meeting, following the rejection of the above draft decision, the representative of Canada introduced a draft decision (E/2007/L.20) entitled "Application of the non-governmental organization Coalition gaie et lesbienne du Québec".

115. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Pakistan, China, Somalia, Guinea-Bissau, Benin and Portugal (see E/2007/SR.38), the Council adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 22 to 13, with 13 abstentions. See Council **decision 2007/225**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against:

Algeria, Belarus, Benin, China, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan.

Abstaining:

Angola, Barbados, Cape Verde, Chad, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand.

116. Before the adoption of the draft decision, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Pakistan (see E/2007/SR.38).

Application of Geneva Call

117. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Application of Geneva Call" (see E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision IV) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/226**.

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 regular session

118. Also at the 38th meeting, following a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau and clarification provided by the Secretary of the Council, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 regular session" (see E/2007/32 (Part I) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision V) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/227**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2007 session

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

119. At the 38th meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision I) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/228**.

Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Liberal International

120. At the same meeting, the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), amended the draft decision entitled "Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Liberal International" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision II) by replacing the word "withdraw" by the word "suspend" and inserting the words "for a period of one year" at the end of the paragraph, so that the decision would read:

> "The Economic and Social Council decides to suspend the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Liberal International for a period of one year."

121. Also at the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally amended. See Council **decision 2007/229**.

122. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of China, Canada, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Paraguay, Pakistan and Cuba (see E/2007/SR.38).

123. Subsequently, a statement was made by the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on behalf of the Bureau of Council (see E/2007/SR.38).

Application of the non-governmental organization Jewish National Fund

124. Also at the 38th meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Application of the non-governmental organization Jewish National Fund" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision III) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/230**.

125. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) (see E/2007/SR.38).

Application of the non-governmental organization Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights

126. At the 38th meeting, the Council had before it a draft decision entitled "Application of the non-governmental organization Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision IV) recommended by the Committee.

127. At the same meeting, the Council rejected the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 14 to 22, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Belarus, Benin, China, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan.

Against:

Albania, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Angola, Barbados, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, Philippines, Thailand.

128. After the rejection of the draft decision, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada (see E/2007/SR.38).

129. Also at the 38th meeting, following the rejection of draft decision IV, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) introduced a draft decision (E/2007/L.21) entitled "Application of the non-governmental organization Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights".

130. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 22 to 12, with 12 abstentions. See Council **decision 2007/231**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against:

Belarus, Benin, China, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan.

Abstaining:

Angola, Barbados, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, India, Paraguay, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand.

Dates of the 2008 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and provisional agenda

131. Also at the 38th meeting, following a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Dates of the 2008 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and provisional agenda" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision V) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/232**.

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2007 session

132. At the same meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 resumed session" (see E/2007/32 (Part II) and Corr.1, chap. I, draft decision VI) recommended by the Committee. See Council **decision 2007/233**.

H. Economic and environmental questions

133. The Council considered agenda item 13 at its 40th, 41st, 43rd and 45th to 47th meetings, on 23 to 27 July 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.40, 41, 43 and 45-47). The Council had before it the updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B and 60/265 (A/62/89-E/2007/76) (see also under items 4, 6, 7 (f), 8 and 14).

134. The Council considered the question of sustainable development (item 13 (a)) at its 40th and 47th meetings, on 23 and 27 July (see E/2007/SR.40 and 47).

135. The Council considered the question of science and technology for development (item 13 (b)) jointly with the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 6) and international cooperation in the field of informatics (item 7 (c)) at its 43rd meeting, on 25 July (see E/2007/SR.43).

136. The Council considered the question of statistics (item 13 (c)) and population and development (item 13 (f)) at its 41st meeting, on 24 July (see E/2007/SR.41).

137. The Council considered the question of human settlements (item 13 (d)) at its 45th meeting, on 26 July (see E/2007/SR.45).

138. The Council considered the question of environment (item 13 (e)), public administration and development (item 13 (g)), international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)) and cartography (item 13 (k)) at its 47th meeting, on 27 July (see E/2007/SR.47).

139. The Council considered the question of the United Nations Forum on Forests (item 13 (i)) at its 40th and 46th meetings, on 23 and 26 July (see E/2007/SR.40 and 46).

140. The Council considered the question of women and development (item 13 (l)) jointly with mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (item 7 (e)) and the advancement of women (item 14 (a)) at its 42nd meeting, on 24 July (see E/2007/SR.42) and subsequently considered items 7 (e) and 14 (a) jointly at its 47th meeting, on 27 July (see E/2007/SR.47).

141. The Council considered the question of transport of dangerous goods (item 13 (m)) jointly with sustainable development (item 13 (a)), human settlements (item 13 (d)), environment (item 13 (e)) and the United Nations Forum on Forests (item 13 (i)) at its 40th meeting, on 23 July (see E/2007/SR/40).

142. At the 40th meeting, on 23 July, introductory statements were made by the representative of the Committee for Development Policy (under item 13 (a)); the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (under item 13 (e)); the Director, UN-Habitat, New York Office (under item 13 (d)); and the Secretary of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Economic Commission for Europe (under item 13 (m)) (see E/2007/SR.40).

143. At the 43rd meeting, on 25 July, an introductory statement was made (under item 13 (b)) by the representative of the Information Technology Services Division, Department of Management (see E/2007/SR.43).

1. Sustainable development (agenda item 13 (a))

144. Under agenda item 13 (a), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session (E/2007/29);[4]

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (E/2006/33);[5]

(c) Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (E/2007/33);[6]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (E/2007/61).

[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 9* (E/2007/29).

[5] Ibid., *2006, Supplement No. 13* (E/2006/33).

[6] Ibid., *2007, Supplement No. 13* (E/2007/33).

Action taken by the Council

145. Under agenda item 13 (a), the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/34** to **2007/36** and **decisions 2007/234, 2007/235** and **2007/263**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session

Dates of the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development during its 2008/2009 cycle

146. At its 40th meeting, on 23 July, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Dates of the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development during its 2008/2009 cycle" (see E/2007/29, chap. I.A, draft decision I) recommended by the Commission. See Council **decision 2007/234**.

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session and provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Commission

147. At the same meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session and provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Commission" (see E/2007/29, chap. I.A, draft decision II) recommended by the Commission. See Council **decision 2007/235**.

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session

148. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.34) entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session", submitted by the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

149. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/34**.

150. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) (see E/2007/SR.47).

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

151. Also at the 47th meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.35) entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session", submitted by the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

152. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/35**.

153. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Algeria, India and Guinea-Bissau (see E/2007/SR.47).

154. Also at the same meeting, following the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution E/2007/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

Non-inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least developed countries

155. At the 47th meeting, upon the proposal of the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly that Papua New Guinea not be included in the list of least developed countries. See Council **decision 2007/263**.

156. After the adoption of the oral decision, a statement was made by the representative of India (see E/2007/SR.47).

United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

157. At the same meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.37) entitled "United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development", submitted by the Vice-President, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

158. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council **resolution 2007/36**.

159. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Madagascar and Angola and by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti) (see E/2007/SR.47).

2. Science and technology for development (agenda item 13 (b))

160. Under agenda item 13 (b), the Council had before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session (E/2007/31).[7]

Action taken by the Council

161. Under agenda item 13 (b), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/8** and **decision 2007/240**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session

Flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society

162. At its 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the Council adopted a draft resolution entitled "Flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society" (see E/2007/31, chap. I.A) recommended by the Commission. See Council **resolution 2007/8**.

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission

163. At the same meeting, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session

[7] Ibid., *Supplement No. 11* (E/2007/31).

and provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission" (see E/2007/31, chap. I.B) recommended by the Commission. See Council **decision 2007/240**.

3. Statistics (agenda item 13 (c))

164. Under agenda item 13 (c), the Council had before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session (E/2007/24).[8]

Action taken by the Council

165. Under agenda item 13 (c), the Council adopted **decision 2007/236**.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session and provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission

166. At its 41st meeting, on 24 July, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session and provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission" (see E/2007/24, chap. I.A) recommended by the Commission. See Council **decision 2007/236**.

4. Human settlements (agenda item 13 (d))

167. Under agenda item 13 (d), the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2007/58).

Action taken by the Council

168. Under agenda item 13 (d), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/249** and **2007/250**.

Human settlements

169. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2007/L.25) entitled "Human settlements", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

170. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision. See Council **decision 2007/249**.

Documentation considered in connection with human settlements

171. Also at the 45th meeting, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the report of the Governing

[8] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (E/2007/24).

Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twenty-first session (A/62/8).[9] See Council **decision 2007/250**.

5. Environment (agenda item 13 (e))

172. Under agenda item 13 (e), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (A/62/25);[10]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/62/78-E/2007/62).

Action taken by the Council

173. Under agenda item 13 (e), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/264** and **2007/265**.

Products harmful to health and the environment

174. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, upon the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/62/78-E/2007/62) and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and relevant intergovernmental entities, to evaluate the continued usefulness for the Member States of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2008. See Council **decision 2007/264**.

Document considered in connection with the environment

175. Also at the 47th meeting, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to take note of the report of the Governing Council for the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (A/62/25). See Council **decision 2007/265**.

6. Population and development (agenda item 13 (f))

176. Under agenda item 13 (f), the Council had before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session (E/2007/25).[11]

Action taken by the Council

177. Under agenda item 13 (f), the Council adopted **decision 2007/237**.

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[9] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/62/8).

[10] Ibid., *Supplement No. 25* (A/62/25).

[11] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 5* (E/2007/25).

Recommendation contained in the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session and provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission

178. At its 41st meeting, on 24 July, the Council adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session and provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission" (see E/2007/25, chap. I.A). See Council **decision 2007/237**.

7. Public administration and development (agenda item 13 (g))

179. Under agenda item 13 (g), the Council had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (E/2007/44).[12]

Action taken by the Council

180. Under agenda item 13 (g), the Council adopted **decision 2007/266**.

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

181. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, on the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (E/2007/44) to its resumed substantive session. See Council **decision 2007/266**.

Public administration and development

182. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (g) (Public administration and development) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (E/2007/44).

Action taken by the Council

183. Under agenda item 13 (g), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/38**.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session

184. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.40) entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

185. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada, in her capacity as facilitator, proposed an oral correction to the draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of

[12] Ibid., *Supplement No. 24* (E/2007/44).

the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba (see E/2007/SR.48).

186. Also at the 48th meeting, following a point of clarification by the Secretary of the Council, the representative of Canada proposed an oral revision to operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee", contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (see E/2007/SR.48).

187. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the text of the draft resolution contained in the report, as orally amended (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council resolution 2007/38.

188. Also at the 48th meeting, draft resolution E/2007/L.40 was withdrawn (see E/2007/SR.48).

8. International cooperation in tax matters (agenda item 13 (h))

189. Under agenda item 13 (h), the Council had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session (E/2006/45).[13]

Action taken by the Council

190. Under agenda item 13 (h), the Council adopted **decision 2007/267**.

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

191. Also at its 47th meeting, the Council had before it a statement of programme budget implications (E/2007/L.16) of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session (E/2006/45).

192. At the same meeting, the Council had before it draft resolution E/2007/L.30 entitled "Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti).

193. At the same meeting, the Council decided to defer further consideration of the draft resolution to its resumed substantive session. See Council **decision 2007/267**.

International cooperation in tax matters

194. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (h) (International cooperation in tax matters) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48).

Action taken by the Council

195. Under agenda item 13 (h), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/39**.

[13] Ibid., *2006 Supplement No. 25* (E/2006/45).

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

196. At its 48th meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.38) entitled "Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

197. Also at the 48th meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution E/2007/L.38 (see E/2007/SR.48).

198. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **resolution 2007/39**.

199. Also at the same meeting, draft resolution E/2007/L.30, which was before the Council at its 47th meeting on 27 July 2007, was withdrawn (see E/2007/SR.49).

9. United Nations Forum on Forests (agenda item 13 (i))

200. Under agenda item 13 (i), the Council had before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (E/2007/42 and Corr.1).[14]

Action taken by the Council

201. Under agenda item 13 (i), the Council adopted **decision 2007/257**.

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session

202. At its 46th meeting, on 26 July, the Council had before it a statement of programme budget implications (E/2007/L.22) of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (E/2007/42 and Corr.1).

203. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), the Council decided to defer action on the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session to its next resumed substantive session. See Council **decision 2007/257**.

204. Also at the same meeting, following the adoption of the oral decision, a statement was made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) (see E/2007/SR.46).

United Nations Forum on Forests

205. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (i) (United Nations Forum on Forests) at its 48th and 49th meetings, on 4 and 17 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.48 and 49). It had before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session.

[14] Ibid., *2007, Supplement No. 22* and corrigendum (E/2007/42 and Corr.1).

Action taken by the Council

206. Under agenda item 13 (i), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/40 and decisions 2007/273, 2007/274, 2007/277 and 2007/278.**

Term of office of the members of the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests

207. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, the Council adopted draft decision I, entitled "Term of office of the members of the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests", recommended by the Forum in its report (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/273**.

Dates and venue for the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

208. At its 48th meeting, the Council adopted draft decision II, entitled "Dates and venue for the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests", recommended by the Forum in its report[15] (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/274**.

Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

209. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council had before it a proposed amendment (E/2007/L.39) to the draft resolution, entitled "Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests", contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests,[16] which was submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

210. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution and the proposed amendment thereto (see E/2007/SR.49).

211. Also at the 49th meeting, the Council adopted the proposed amendment to the draft resolution (E/2007/L.39) (see E/2007/SR.49).

212. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as amended (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **resolution 2007/40**.

213. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Brazil (see E/2007/SR.49).

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for its eighth session

214. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for its eighth session", recommended by the Forum in its report[5] (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/277**.

215. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations

[15] Ibid., chap. I. B.

[16] Ibid., chap. I. A.

that are members of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; and Moldova and Ukraine) and Indonesia (see E/2007/SR.49).

Support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future meetings

216. At the 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2007/L.41) entitled "Support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future meetings", submitted by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

217. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/278**.

218. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement (see E/2007/SR.49).

10. Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (agenda item 13 (j))

219. No proposals were submitted under agenda item 13 (j).

11. Cartography (agenda item 13 (k))

220. Under agenda item 13 (k), the Council had before it the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7).[17]

Action taken by the Council

221. Under agenda item 13 (k), the Council adopted **decision 2007/268**.

Report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

222. At the 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council decided to defer action on the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7) to its next resumed substantive session. See Council **decision 2007/268**.

223. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (k) (Cartography) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7).

[17] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.06.I.39.

Action taken by the Council

224. Under agenda item 13 (k), the Council adopted **decision 2007/275**.

Report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

225. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7) and to endorse the recommendation that the eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific be convened for a period of five days in 2009 (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/275**.

12. Women and development (agenda item 13 (l))

226. Under agenda item 13 (l), the Council had before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (E/2007/27)[18] (see also item 14 (a)).

227. No action was taken by the Council under this agenda item.

13. Transport of dangerous goods (agenda item 13 (m))

228. Under agenda item 13 (m), the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2007/53).

Action taken by the Council

229. Under agenda item 13 (m), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/6**.

Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

230. At its 40th meeting, on 23 July, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals" (see E/2007/53, chap. I) recommended by the Committee of Experts. See Council **resolution 2007/6**.

I. Social and human rights questions

231. The Council considered social and human rights questions (agenda item 14) at its 39th and 42nd to 47th meetings, from 23 to 27 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.39 and 42-47).

[18] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 7* (E/2007/27).

232. At its 39th meeting, on 23 July, the Council discussed agenda item 14 (i) jointly with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (agenda item 7 (h)).

233. At its 42nd meeting, on 24 July, the Council discussed agenda item 14 (a) jointly with mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (agenda item 7 (e)) and women and development (agenda item 13 (l)).

234. At its 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the Council discussed agenda items 14 (b) through 14 (h) jointly with United Nations research and training institutes (agenda item 15).

235. Under agenda item 14 as a whole, the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 (A/62/89-E/2007/76) (see also under items 4, 6, 7 (f), 8 and 13).

236. At the 39th meeting, on 23 July, the Director of the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination made an introductory statement under agenda item 14 (i) (see E/2007/SR.39).

237. At the 42nd meeting, on 24 July, the representative of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Division for the Advancement of Women, delivered an introductory statement on behalf of the Special Adviser under agenda items 7 (e), 13 (l) and 14 (a) (see E/2007/SR.42).

238. At the 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement under agenda item 14 (g) (see E/2007/SR.43).

239. Also at the same meeting, the President of the International Narcotics Control Board addressed the Council under agenda item 14 (d) (see E/2007/SR.43).

1. Advancement of women (agenda item 14 (a))

240. Under agenda item 14 (a), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (E/2007/27);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system (E/2007/64);

(c) Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourth session (E/2007/79);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on results of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/2007/75).

Action taken by the Council

241. Under agenda item 14 (a), the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/7, 2007/33** and **2007/37** and **decisions 2007/238, 2007/239** and **2007/270**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session

Agreed conclusions on the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child

242. At its 42nd meeting, on 24 July, the Council decided to transmit to the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children the agreed conclusions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women entitled "Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child" (see E/2007/27, chap. I.A). See Council **decision 2007/238**.

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

243. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women", recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/27, chap. I.B) by a roll-call vote of 38 to 2, with 1 abstention. See Council **resolution 2007/7**. The voting was as follows:[19,20]

In favour:

Algeria, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Against:

Canada, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Angola.

244. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; after it was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Costa Rica and by the observer for Israel (see E/2007/SR.42).

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[19] The delegations of Sri Lanka and Brazil subsequently indicated that, had they been present during the vote, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

[20] The delegation of Angola subsequently indicated that its vote should have been in favour of the draft resolution.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-second session of the Commission

245. Also at its 42nd meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-second session of the Commission" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/27, chap. I.C). See Council **decision 2007/239**.

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

246. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council considered a draft resolution (E/2007/L.28) entitled "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system", which was submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), under agenda items 7 (e) and 14 (a). For action by the Council, see chapter VII, section B.5, paragraphs 44 to 46, and Council **resolution 2007/33**.

Future work to strengthen the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

247. At the same meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.29) entitled "Future work to strengthen the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

248. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary informed the Council that the draft resolution should reflect the fact that it had been submitted by Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

249. Also at its 47th meeting, the Council adopted draft resolution E/2007/L.29. See Council **resolution 2007/37**.

Report considered by the Council in connection with social and human rights questions: advancement of women

250. At its 47th meeting, the Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General on results of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/2007/75). See Council **decision 2007/270**.

251. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (a) (Advancement of women) at its 49th meeting, on 17 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.49). The Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.[21]

[21] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/62/38).

Action taken by the Council

252. Under agenda item 14 (a), the Council adopted **decision 2007/279**.

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

253. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/279**.

2. Social development (agenda item 14 (b))

254. Under agenda item 14 (b), the Council had before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session (E/2007/26).[22]

Action taken by the Council

255. Under agenda item 14 (b), the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/27** and **2007/28** and **decisions 2007/258** and **2007/259**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session

Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

256. At its 46th meeting, on 26 July, the Council considered a draft resolution entitled "Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/26, chap. I.A).

257. At the same meeting, the Council, by a roll-call vote of 49 to 1, recommended the draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly. See Council **resolution 2007/27**. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Algeria, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Against:

United States of America.

258. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Pakistan made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; after it was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) (see E/2007/SR.46).

[22] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 6* (E/2007/26).

Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

259. At its 46th meeting, on 26 July, the Council adopted a draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/26, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/28**.

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session

260. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/26, chap. I.C). See Council **decision 2007/258**.

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

261. Also at the same meeting, the Council decided to confirm the eight candidates nominated by the Commission for membership on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see E/2007/26, chap. I.D, decision 45/101). See Council **decision 2007/259**.

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (agenda item 14 (c))

262. Under agenda item 14 (c), the Council had before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session (E/2007/30).[23]

Action taken by the Council

263. Under agenda item 14 (c), the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/17** to **2007/24** and **decisions 2007/251** to **2007/253**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session

264. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft proposals recommended for adoption in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (see E/2007/30, chap. I) (see E/2007/SR.45).

Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

265. At the same meeting, the Council recommended the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Twelfth

[23] To be issued in *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 10* (E/2007/30).

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/17**.

266. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Brazil made a statement (see E/2007/SR.45).

Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism

267. Also at the same meeting the Council recommended the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution entitled "Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/18**.

Strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

268. Also at its 45th meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/19**.

International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime

269. At its 45th meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/20**.

Information-gathering instrument in relation to United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

270. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Information-gathering instrument in relation to United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/21**.

Strengthening basic principles of judicial conduct

271. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening basic principles of judicial conduct" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/22**.

Supporting national efforts for child justice reform, in particular through technical assistance and improved United Nations system-wide coordination

272. Also at its 45th meeting, the Council considered the draft resolution entitled "Supporting national efforts for child justice reform, in particular through technical assistance and improved United Nations system-wide coordination" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B).

273. At its 45th meeting, the Secretary of the Council orally corrected preambular paragraph eight of the draft resolution by deleting the word "Coordination" after the word "Inter-Agency".

274. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected. See Council **resolution 2007/23**.

International cooperation for the improvement of access to legal aid in criminal justice systems, particularly in Africa

275. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation for the improvement of access to legal aid in criminal justice systems, particularly in Africa" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.B). See Council **resolution 2007/24**.

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its seventeenth session

276. Also at its 45th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its seventeenth session" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.C). See Council **decision 2007/251**.

Appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

277. At its 45th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.C). See Council **decision 2007/252**.

Topic for the thematic discussion of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventeenth session, in 2008

278. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Topic for the thematic discussion of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventeenth session, in 2008" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/30, chap. I.C). See Council **decision 2007/253**.

279. Following the adoption of the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the representative of the United States made a statement (see E/2007/SR.45).

4. Narcotic drugs (agenda item 14 (d))

280. Under agenda item 14 (d), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session (E/2007/28 and Corr.1);[24]

[24] To be issued in *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 8* (E/2007/28).

(b) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2006 (E/INCB/2006/1);[25]

(c) Identical letters dated 30 May 2007 from the President of the International Narcotics Control Board to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/62/90-E/2007/72).

Action taken by the Council

281. Under agenda item 14 (d), the Council adopted **resolutions 2007/9** to **2007/12** and **decisions 2007/242** and **2007/243**.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session

282. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft proposals recommended for adoption in the report of the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I) (see E/2007/SR.44).

The need for a balance between demand for and supply of opiates used to meet medical and scientific needs

283. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "The need for a balance between demand for and supply of opiates used to meet medical and scientific needs" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/9**.

Improvement of drug abuse data collection by Member States in order to enhance data reliability and the comparability of information provided

284. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Improvement of drug abuse data collection by Member States in order to enhance data reliability and the comparability of information provided" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/10**.

Support to the counter-narcotic measures and programmes of Afghanistan

285. Also at its 44th meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Support to the counter-narcotic measures and programmes of Afghanistan" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/11**.

Strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

286. At its 44th meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.A). See Council **resolution 2007/12**.

[25] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XI.11.

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission

287. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.B). See Council **decision 2007/242**.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

288. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the International Narcotics Control Board" recommended by the Commission (see E/2007/28 and Corr.1, chap. I.B). See Council **decision 2007/243**.

5. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 14 (e))

289. Under agenda item 14 (e), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 29 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2006/92);

(b) Letter dated 8 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2007/11);

(c) Letter dated 28 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2007/85);

(d) Note verbale dated 10 May 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2007/86).

290. At the 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered an oral report on the coordination aspects of the work of the Office (see E/2007/SR.43).

Action taken by the Council

291. Under agenda item 14 (e), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/254** and **2007/270**.

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

292. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of Benin, Luxembourg, Montenegro[2] and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced a draft decision (E/2007/L.17) entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

293. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Council adopted draft decision E/2007/L.17. See Council **decision 2007/254**.

Oral report on the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

294. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council took note of the oral report on the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered at the 43rd meeting of the Council, on 25 July. See Council **decision 2007/270**.

6. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 14 (f))

295. No proposals were submitted under agenda item 14 (f).

7. Human rights (agenda item 14 (g))

296. Under agenda item 14 (g), the Council had before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2007/82).

Action taken by the Council

297. Under agenda item 14 (g), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/241** and **2007/270**.

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions

298. At its 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the Council decided to consider the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions (E/2007/22)[26] at a later stage. See Council **decision 2007/241**.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

299. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/2007/82). See Council **decision 2007/270**.

8. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (agenda item 14 (h))

300. Under agenda item 14 (h), the Council had before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (E/2007/43).[27]

Action taken by the Council

301. Under agenda item 14 (h), the Council adopted **decisions 2007/244** to **2007/246** and **2007/270**.

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[26] To be issued as *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 2* (E/2007/22).

[27] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 23* (E/2007/43).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session

302. At the 44th meeting, on 25 July, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft decisions recommended for adoption in the report of the Permanent Forum (see E/2007/43, chap. I.A, draft decisions I and II) (see E/2007/SR.44).

International expert group meeting on indigenous languages

303. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "International expert group meeting on indigenous languages" recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2007/43, chap. I.A). See Council **decision 2007/244**.

Venue and dates of the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

304. Also at the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision entitled "Venue and dates of the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues" recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2007/43, chap. I.A). See Council **decision 2007/245**.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues

305. Also at its 44th meeting, the Council approved the draft decision entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues" recommended by the Permanent Forum (see E/2007/43, chap. I.A). See Council **decision 2007/246**.

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session

306. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council took note of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (E/2007/43). See Council **decision 2007/270**.

9. Genetic privacy and non-discrimination (agenda item 14 (i))

307. Under agenda item 14 (i), the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (E/2007/65 and Add.1 and 2).

Action taken by the Council

308. Under agenda item 14 (i), the Council adopted **decision 2007/269**.

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination

309. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (E/2007/65 and Add.1 and 2) and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, UNESCO and other relevant intergovernmental entities, to recommend the most appropriate forum or forums for the consideration of the issue of genetic

privacy and non-discrimination and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2008. See Council **decision 2007/269**.

J. United Nations research and training institutes

310. The Council considered agenda item 15 at its 43rd and 47th meetings, on 25 and 27 July. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.43 and 47).

311. At its 43rd meeting, on 25 July, the Council discussed agenda item 15 jointly with agenda items 14 (b) through 14 (h).

312. Under the item, the Council had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director of the United Nations System Staff College on its work, activities and accomplishments (E/2007/60).

313. At the same meeting, the Director of the United Nations System Staff College made an introductory statement (see E/2007/SR.43).

Action taken by the Council

314. Under agenda item 15, the Council adopted **decision 2007/271**.

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

315. At its 47th meeting, on 27 July, the Council took note of the report of the Director of the United Nations System Staff College on its work, activities and accomplishments (E/2007/60). See Council **decision 2007/271**.

Chapter VIII
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

1. The Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments at its organizational and resumed organizational sessions (agenda item 4) and at its substantive session (agenda item 1). The question was considered by the Council at its 3rd, 4th, 10th, 12th and 45th meetings, on 6 and 9 February, 25 April, 24 May and 26 July 2007. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.3, 4, 10, 12 and 45).

2. For its consideration of the question, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional annotated agenda for the organizational and resumed organizational sessions for 2007 (E/2007/2/Rev.1 and Add.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of members of the functional commissions of the Council (E/2007/9);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/2007/9/Add.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: Election of eight members from among candidates nominated by Governments and appointment of eight members by the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/9/Add.2, and 8-10);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 11 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2007/9/Add.3);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 11 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (E/2007/9/Add.4);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (E/2007/9/Add.5);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of eight members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (E/2007/9/Add.6);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 19 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2007/9/Add.7);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of a new member to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2007/9/Add.11);

(k) Letter dated 17 April 2007 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the members of the Council (E/2007/48).

Action taken by the Council

3. Under item 4 on elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments, the Council adopted **decisions 2007/201 A, B and C**.

4. At its resumed substantive session, the Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (under agenda item 1) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October 2007. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48).

Action taken by the Council

5. Under the agenda item on elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments, the Council adopted **decision 2007/201 D**.

Chapter IX
Organizational matters

1. The Council held its organizational session for 2007 at United Nations Headquarters on 17 and 22 January; 6, 9 and 15 February; 2 and 15 March 2007 (1st to 7th meetings); its resumed organizational session at United Nations Headquarters on 25 and 26 April and 24 May (10th to 12th meetings); its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at United Nations Headquarters on 16 April 2007 (8th and 9th meetings); its substantive session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 27 July 2007 (13th to 47th meetings); and its resumed substantive session at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 17 October 2007 (48th and 49th meetings).

A. Organizational session

Opening of the Council

2. The 1st meeting, on 17 January 2007, was opened by the President of the Council for 2006, Ali Hachani (Tunisia). Upon election, the President of the Council for 2007, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), made a statement.

Election of the Bureau

3. At its 1st meeting, pursuant to paragraph 2 (k) of its resolution 1988/77, the Council elected by acclamation the following persons as Vice-Presidents of the Council for 2007: Youcef Yousfi (Algeria); Lauro L. Baja, Jr. (Philippines); Léo Mérorès (Haiti); and Hjálmar W. Hannesson (Iceland).

4. At the 7th meeting, on 15 March, the President of the Council made a statement that, in accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Group of Asian States had endorsed the candidacy of Hilario G. Davide, Jr., Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations in New York, to replace Lauro L. Baja, Jr., who had to return to his capital. The Council then elected by acclamation Hilario G. Davide, Jr. as a Vice-President of the Council for the remainder of its 2007 session.

5. At the 25th meeting, on 10 July 2007, the Vice-President of the Council, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), made a statement that, in accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Group of African States had proposed that Idriss Jazaïry, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva, should preside over the operational activities segment of the 2007 substantive session of the Council in lieu of Youcef Yousfi (Algeria), who would not be able to preside owing to circumstances beyond his control. The Council then invited Idriss Jazaïry to preside as an Acting Vice-President for the substantive session of 2007.

Agenda

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 22 January, the Council considered the agenda of its organizational session. It had before it the annotated provisional agenda (E/2007/2 and Corr.1).

7. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the agenda of the organizational session (see annex I).

Action taken by the Council

8. At the organizational session for 2007, the Council adopted 1 resolution and 12 decisions concerning organizational matters. See Council **resolution 2007/1** and **decisions 2007/202** to **2007/213**.

Venue and dates of the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

9. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 February, having considered the recommendation of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific that the offer of the Government of Kazakhstan to host the sixty-third session of the Commission be accepted, the Council expressed its gratitude to the Government of Kazakhstan for its generous offer and approved the holding of the sixty-third session of the Commission in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 17 to 23 May 2007. See Council **resolution 2007/1**.

Date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

10. At the same meeting, the Council decided that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would be held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 April 2007. See Council **decision 2007/202**.

Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council

11. At its 4th meeting, on 9 February, the Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2007:

(a) The high-level segment would be held from 2 to 5 July 2007;

(b) The dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions would be held on 6 July 2007;

(c) The coordination segment would be held from 6 to 10 July 2007;

(d) The operational activities segment would be held from 10 to 13 July 2007;

(e) The humanitarian affairs segment would be held from 16 to 18 July 2007;

(f) The general segment would be held from 19 to 26 July 2007;

(g) The conclusion of the work of the Council would be held on 27 July 2007.

12. See Council **decision 2007/203**.

Operational activities segment of the 2007 substantive session of the Council

13. Also at the 4th meeting, the Council decided that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2007 should be devoted to the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 and Council resolution 2006/14. See Council **decision 2007/204**.

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

14. At the same meeting, the Council decided .o further defer its consideration of the draft annex to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies relating to the World Tourism Organization to its substantive session for 2007. Subsequently at its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Council further deferred its consideration of the matter to its substantive session of 2008, with the proviso that the item could be taken up earlier and a decision adopted without any debate. See Council **decisions 2007/205** and **2007/247**.

Theme for the 2007 thematic discussion of the Council

15. At its 6th meeting, on 2 March, the Council decided that the theme for the 2007 thematic discussion would be "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies". See Council **decision 2007/206**.

Theme for the 2007 annual ministerial review of the Council

16. At the same meeting, the Council decided that the theme for the 2007 annual ministerial review would be "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development". See Council **decision 2007/207**.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

17. Also at the same meeting, the Council, having considered the proposed provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, as contained in the report of the Commission on its ninth session (E/2006/31), and recalling its resolution 2006/46, approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission. See Council **decision 2007/208**.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council

18. At its 7th meeting, on 15 March, the Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2007 and 2008 (see E/2007/1 and Corr.1), approved the provisional agenda and documentation for its substantive session of 2007, as further orally corrected. See Council **decision 2007/209**.

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2008

19. At the same meeting, the Council took note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2008 (see E/2007/1 and Corr.1). See Council **decision 2007/210**.

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2007 substantive session of the Council

20. Also at the same meeting, the Council decided that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2007 would be "Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance through enhancing the effectiveness of needs-based humanitarian assistance" and that it would convene two panels, the topics of which would be "The use of military assets in natural disaster relief" and "Needs-based humanitarian financing, including the Central Emergency Response Fund". See Council **decision 2007/211**.

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

21. Also at its 7th meeting, the Council, in pursuance of its decision 2006/266:

(a) Requested the Committee for Development Policy to invite Samoa to present its case to the Committee at its ninth session in 2007;

(b) Also requested the Committee for Development Policy to examine the issues raised by Samoa and to submit a report containing its recommendations for the consideration of the Council. See Council **decision 2007/212**.

Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

22. At its 7th meeting, the Council decided to include a discussion on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development as part of the work of its substantive session of 2008. See Council **decision 2007/213**.

B. Resumed organizational session

Action taken by the Council

23. At its resumed organizational session for 2007, the Council adopted five decisions on organizational matters. See Council **decisions 2007/214** to **2007/218**.

Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development

24. At its 11th meeting, on 26 April 2007, the Council decided, with regard to the event to discuss relief to development, to be held on the afternoon of 13 July 2007, that: (a) the title of the event would be "Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development"; (b) the event would be an informal half-day activity; (c) there would be no negotiated outcome. See Council **decision 2007/214**.

Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

25. At the same meeting, the Council, recalling paragraph 15 (a) of its resolution 2006/46 entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", decided that, pursuant to its resolution 1996/31, non-governmental organizations and civil society entities that are not in consultative status with the Council but which have received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the established rules of the United Nations, in the next two meetings of the Commission, this provision being based on the understanding that, in the meantime, the said organizations and entities would apply for consultative status with the Council in accordance with existing rules and procedures and that, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations would be invited to consider such applications, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, as expeditiously as possible. See Council **decision 2007/215**.

Participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

26. At its 11th meeting, the Council, recalling paragraphs 14, 15 (b) and 16 of its resolution 2006/46, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development":

(a) Decided that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, business sector entities, including the private sector, accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) Requested the secretariat of the Commission to propose to the Council lists of business sector entities, including the private sector, not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that have expressed the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration and approval by the Council in a timely manner, to enable them to participate, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(c) Decided that, until otherwise decided by the Council, the special arrangement set out in paragraph 15 (b) of Council resolution 2006/46 and paragraph (b) above should apply to decision-making with regard to participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that may in the future express the wish to participate in the work of the Commission;

(d) Emphasized that decision 2007/216 was taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the

work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it should not be construed as a precedent;

(e) Decided to review, in 2010, the list and modalities of participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. See Council **decision 2007/216**.

Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2007 substantive session of the Council

27. Also at its 11th meeting, the Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2007 substantive session of the Council would be "Regional aspects of the themes of the high-level segment[1] of the Economic and Social Council 2007 substantive session". See Council **decision 2007/217**.

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session

28. At its 12th meeting, on 24 May, the Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", and its decision 2007/208, containing the provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, took note of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session,[1] and encouraged the Commission to continue, within its mandate and agenda, its consideration of such matters. See Council **decision 2007/218**.

C. Substantive session

Action taken by the Council

29. At its substantive session of 2007, the Council adopted three decisions on organizational matters. See Council **decisions 2007/219**, **2007/247** and **2007/260**.

Agenda

30. At its 13th meeting on 2 July, the Council considered the agenda and the organization of work of its substantive session for 2007. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2007 (E/2007/100 and Corr.1);

(b) Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2007 (E/2007/L.6);

(c) Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the substantive session of 2007 (E/2007/L.7);

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[1] Theme for the thematic discussion: "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies"; and theme for the annual ministerial review: "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development".

(d) Updated status of documentation for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for 2007 (E/2007/CRP.7).

31. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the agenda for its substantive session of 2007 (see annex I) and approved the programme of work of the session. See Council **decision 2007/219**.

Applications of intergovernmental organizations for observer status with the Economic and Social Council

32. At its 45th meeting, on 26 July, the Council decided to postpone further consideration of the application of the International Emergency Management Organization to a later date. See Council **decision 2007/260**.

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

33. See Council **resolution 2007/205** and **decision 2007/247**.

D. Resumed substantive session

34. The Council held its resumed substantive session of 2007 at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 17 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.48 and 49).

Action taken by the Council

35. Under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), the Council adopted **decision 2007/272**.

Multi-year programme of work for the 2008 and 2009 annual ministerial reviews of the Economic and Social Council

36. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to adopt the following themes for its annual ministerial reviews for the next two years:

(a) 2008: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development";

(b) 2009: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

37. Also at the 48th meeting, following the adoption of the oral decision, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the United States of America and Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) (see E/2007/SR.48).

Annex I

Agendas of the organizational and resumed organizational sessions for 2007 and the substantive session of 2007

Agenda of the organizational and resumed organizational sessions of 2007 (E/2007/2 and Corr.1 and E/2007/2/Rev.1 and Add.1)

Adopted by the Council at its 1st meeting on 17 January 2007

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments.

Agenda of the substantive session of 2007 (E/2007/100 and Corr.1)

Adopted by the Council at its 13th meeting, on 2 July 2007

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

High-level segment

2. (a) Thematic discussion:

   Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies.

   (b) Annual ministerial review:

   Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development.

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

   (a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council;

   (b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme;

   (c) South-South cooperation for development.

Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits:
   (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development;
   (b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.
7. Coordination, programme and other questions:
   (a) Reports of coordination bodies;
   (b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;
   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics;
   (d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti;
   (e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system;
   (f) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force;
   (g) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict;
   (h) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);
   (i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields.
8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.
9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.
10. Regional cooperation.
11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan.
12. Non-governmental organizations.
13. Economic and environmental questions:
   (a) Sustainable development;
   (b) Science and technology for development;
   (c) Statistics;
   (d) Human settlements;
   (e) Environment;

(f) Population and development;

(g) Public administration and development;

(h) International cooperation in tax matters;

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests;

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;

(k) Cartography;

(l) Women and development;

(m) Transport of dangerous goods.

14. Social and human rights questions:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination.

15. United Nations research and training institutes.

Annex II

Intergovernmental organizations designated by the Council under rule 79 of the rules of procedure[a] for participation in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of their activities

Organizations and other entities accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (General Assembly resolution 36/4)

African Development Bank (General Assembly resolution 42/10)

African Union[b] (General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) and Assembly decision 56/475)

Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (General Assembly resolution 43/6)

Andean Community (General Assembly resolution 52/6)

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (General Assembly resolution 35/2)

Asian Development Bank (General Assembly resolution 57/30)

Association of Caribbean States (General Assembly resolution 53/5)

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (General Assembly resolution 61/44)

Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (General Assembly resolution 54/5)

Caribbean Community (General Assembly resolution 46/8)

Central American Integration System (General Assembly resolution 50/2)

Collective Security Treaty Organization (General Assembly resolution 59/50)

Common Fund for Commodities (General Assembly resolution 60/26)

Commonwealth of Independent States (General Assembly resolution 48/237)

Commonwealth Secretariat (General Assembly resolution 31/3)

Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (General Assembly resolution 54/10)

Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (General Assembly resolution 56/92)

Council of Europe (General Assembly resolution 44/6)

Customs Cooperation Council (General Assembly resolution 53/216)

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[a] The text of rule 79, entitled "Participation of other intergovernmental organizations", reads as follows: "Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations designated on an ad hoc or a continuing basis by the Council on the recommendation of the Bureau may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations".

[b] Superseding the Organization of African Unity.

East African Community (General Assembly resolution 58/86)

Economic Community of Central African States (General Assembly resolution 55/161)

Economic Community of West African States (General Assembly resolution 59/51)

Economic Cooperation Organization (General Assembly resolution 48/2)

Eurasian Economic Community (General Assembly resolution 58/84)

European Community (General Assembly resolution 3208 (XXIX))

GUUAM (General Assembly resolution 58/85)

Hague Conference on Private International Law (General Assembly resolution 60/27)

Holy See (General Assembly resolution 58/314)

Ibero-American Conference (General Assembly resolution 60/28)

Indian Ocean Commission (General Assembly resolution 61/43)

Inter-American Development Bank (General Assembly resolution 55/160)

International Centre for Migration Policy Development (General Assembly resolution 57/31)

International Committee of the Red Cross (General Assembly resolution 45/6)

International Criminal Court (General Assembly resolution 58/318)

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (General Assembly resolution 51/1)

International Development Law Organization (General Assembly resolution 56/90)

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (General Assembly resolution 49/2)

International Hydrographic Organization (General Assembly resolution 56/91)

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (General Assembly resolution 58/83)

International Organization for Migration (General Assembly resolution 47/4)

International Organization of la Francophonie (General Assembly resolution 33/18)

International Seabed Authority (General Assembly resolution 51/6)

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (General Assembly resolution 51/204)

International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (General Assembly resolution 54/195)

Inter-Parliamentary Union (General Assembly resolution 57/32)

Islamic Development Bank Group (General Assembly resolution 61/259)

Latin American Economic System (SELA) (General Assembly resolution 35/3)

Latin American Integration Association (General Assembly resolution 60/25)

Latin American Parliament (General Assembly resolution 48/4)

League of Arab States (General Assembly resolution 477 (V))

OPEC Fund for International Development (General Assembly resolution 61/42)

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (General Assembly resolution 53/6)

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (General Assembly resolution 48/5)

Organization of American States (General Assembly resolution 253 (III))

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (General Assembly resolution 59/52)

Organization of the Islamic Conference (General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX))

Pacific Islands Forum (General Assembly resolution 49/1)

Palestine (General Assembly resolution 52/250)

Partners in Population and Development (General Assembly resolution 57/29)

Permanent Court of Arbitration (General Assembly resolution 48/3)

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (General Assembly resolution 59/48)

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (General Assembly resolution 59/53)

Southern African Development Community (General Assembly resolution 59/49)

Sovereign Military Order of Malta (General Assembly resolution 48/265)

Organizations designated by the Economic and Social Council

Participation on a continuing basis

African Regional Centre for Technology (Council decision 1980/151)

Asian and Pacific Development Centre (Council decision 2000/213)

Asian Productivity Organization (APO) (Council decision 1980/114)

Council of Arab Economic Unity (Council decision 109 (LIX))

Global Water Partnership (Council decision 2005/233)

Helsinki Commission (Council decision 2003/312)

Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition (Council decision 2003/212)

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (Council decision 2006/204)

Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (Council decision 2006/244)

International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI) (Council decision 2001/318)

International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (Council decision 1997/215)

International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries (ICPE) (Council decision 1980/114)

Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Council decision 2003/221)

Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) (Council decision 1980/114)

Organization of ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (Council decision 1986/156)

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Council decision 109 (LIX))

Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (Council decision 1992/265)

South Centre (Council decision 2006/244)

Union économique et monétaire ouest africaine (Council decision 2005/233)

Union of Economic and Social Councils of Africa (Council decision 1996/225)

World Deserts Foundation (Council decision 2004/231)

Participation on an ad hoc basis

African Accounting Council (Council decision 1987/161)

African Cultural Institute (Council decision 1987/161)

Arab Security Studies and Training Centre (Council decision 1989/165)

Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior (Council decision 1987/161)

International Bauxite Association (Council decision 1987/161)

International Civil Defence Organization (Council decision 109 (LIX))

Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (Council decision 239 (LXII))

Annex III

Composition of the Council and its subsidiary and related bodies

Economic and Social Council

(54 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*[a]	*Term expires on 31 December*
Albania	Algeria	2009
Algeria	Angola	2008
Angola	Austria	2008
Austria	Barbados	2009
Barbados	Belarus	2009
Belarus	Benin	2008
Benin	Bolivia	2009
Bolivia	Canada	2009
Brazil	Cape Verde	2009
Canada	Cuba	2008
Cape Verde	Czech Republic	2008
Chad	El Salvador	2009
China	France	2008
Costa Rica	Germany	2008
Cuba	Greece	2008
Czech Republic	Guinea-Bissau	2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Guyana	2008
Denmark	Haiti	2008
El Salvador	Indonesia	2009
France	Iraq	2009
Germany	Japan	2008
Greece[b]	Kazakhstan	2009
Guinea	Luxembourg	2009
Guinea-Bissau	Madagascar	2008
Guyana	Malawi	2009
Haiti	Mauritania	2008
Iceland	Netherlands	2009
India	Paraguay	2008
Indonesia	Philippines	2009

Membership in 2007	Membership in 2008[a]	Term expires on 31 December
Iraq	Portugal	2008
Japan	Romania	2009
Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia	2008
Lithuania	Somalia	2009
Luxembourg	Sri Lanka	2008
Madagascar	Sudan	2009
Malawi	United States of America	2009
Mauritania		
Mexico		
Netherlands		
New Zealand[c]		
Pakistan		
Paraguay		
Philippines		
Portugal[b]		
Romania		
Russian Federation		
Saudi Arabia		
Somalia		
South Africa		
Sri Lanka		
Sudan		
Thailand		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		
United States of America		

[a] The remaining 18 seats are to be filled by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

[b] At its 45th plenary meeting, on 2 November 2006, the General Assembly elected Greece and Portugal to replace, respectively, Turkey and Spain, which resigned effective 1 January 2007.

[c] Elected by the General Assembly at its 49th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2006, to replace Australia, which resigned effective 1 January 2007.

Functional commissions and subcommissions

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Canada	Belarus	2011
Cape Verde	Canada	2009
China	China	2008
Colombia	Colombia	2008
Croatia	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2009
Cuba	Finland	2009
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France	2009
Finland	Germany	2008
France	Honduras	2011
Germany	Hungary	2008
Hungary	Jamaica	2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Japan	2008
Jamaica	Lebanon	2011
Japan	Lithuania	2011
Kenya	Mauritania	2009
Mauritania	Mexico	2008
Mexico	Netherlands	2008
Netherlands	Oman	2011
Republic of Korea	Russian Federation	2009
Russian Federation	South Africa	2009
South Africa	Sudan	2011
Ukraine	Togo	2011
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2008
United States of America	United States of America	2011

Commission on Population and Development[d]

(47 members; four-year term)

Membership of the fortieth session	*Membership of the forty-first session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Armenia	Armenia	2008
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	2009
Belgium	Belgium	2009
Bolivia	Benin	2011
Brazil	Brazil	2009
Bulgaria	Bulgaria	2009
Cameroon	Cameroon	2009
Canada	Canada	2009
China	China	2010
Comoros	Comoros	2009
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Equatorial Guinea	2011
El Salvador	France	2008
France	Gambia	2010
Gambia	Germany	2009
Germany	Grenada	2011
Guyana	Guyana	2009
Haiti	Haiti	2008
Hungary	Honduras	2011
India	India	2010
Indonesia	Indonesia	2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2011
Jamaica	Jamaica	2010
Japan	Japan	2008
Kenya	Kenya	2008
Lebanon	Lebanon	2010
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2008
Luxembourg	Madagascar	2008
Madagascar	Malaysia	2009
Malaysia	Mexico	2010
Mauritania	Morocco	2009
Mexico	Netherlands	2008
Morocco	Oman	2010

Membership of the fortieth session	*Membership of the forty-first session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Netherlands	Pakistan	2008
Oman	Peru	2009
Pakistan	Poland	2011
Peru	Russian Federation	2010
Philippines	Sierra Leone	2010
Russian Federation	Sri Lanka	2011
Sierra Leone	South Africa	2010
South Africa	Spain	2011
Sweden	Sweden	2010
Switzerland	Switzerland	2009
Ukraine	Ukraine	2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2010
United States of America	United States of America	2010
Uruguay	Uruguay	2010
Zambia	Zambia	2010

[d] At its 10th and 12th meetings, on 25 April and 24 May 2007, the Council elected the following seven members to the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fifth session in 2012: Colombia, Croatia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Tunisia and Uganda. At its 12th meeting, the Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fifth session in 2012 (see decision 2007/201 B).

Commission for Social Development[a]

(46 members; four-year term)

Membership of the forty-fifth session[f]	*Membership of the forty-sixth session*[f]	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Angola	Andorra	2011
Argentina	Angola	2009
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	2009
Bolivia	Benin	2011
Central African Republic	Bolivia	2009
Chile	Cameroon	2011
China	Chile	2008
Côte d'Ivoire	China	2009
Czech Republic	Côte d'Ivoire	2008
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Cuba	2011
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Czech Republic	2009
Dominican Republic	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2009
Ethiopia	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2009
Finland	Egypt	2011
France	Ethiopia	2008
Germany	Finland	2009
Haiti	France	2008
India	Germany	2008
Indonesia	Haiti	2008
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	India	2011
Italy	Indonesia	2008
Japan	Italy	2009
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Jamaica	2011
Mali	Japan	2008
Malta	Mali	2008
Moldova[g]	Mexico	2011
Monaco	Moldova[g]	2008
Myanmar	Monaco	2009
Netherlands	Myanmar	2009
Pakistan	Namibia	2011
Paraguay	Nepal	2011
	Netherlands	2009

Membership of the forty-fifth session[f]	*Membership of the forty-sixth session*[f]	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Peru	Paraguay	2009
Republic of Korea	Peru	2008
Romania	Republic of Korea	2008
Russian Federation	Russian Federation	2008
Senegal	South Africa	2009
Spain	Spain	2011
South Africa	Tunisia	2008
Suriname	Turkey	2011
Tunisia	Ukraine	2009
Turkey	United Arab Emirates	2011
Ukraine	United Republic of Tanzania	2009
United Republic of Tanzania	United States of America	2008
United States of America	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2009
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
Zambia		

[e] At its 10th and 12th meetings, on 25 April and 24 May 2007, the Council elected the following 15 members to the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session in 2012: Argentina, Armenia, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan and United States of America (decision 2007/201 B).

[f] The Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2011 (decision 2007/201 A).

[g] The Member State formerly known as the Republic of Moldova was renamed Moldova.

Commission on the Status of Women[h]

(45 members; four-year term)

Membership of the fifty-first session	*Membership of the fifty-second session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Algeria	Armenia	2011
Armenia	Azerbaijan	2011
Belgium	Belgium	2011
Belize	Belize	2009
Bolivia	Brazil	2010
Brazil	Cambodia	2011
Cameroon	Cameroon	2010
Canada	China	2008
China	Croatia	2009
Congo	Djibouti	2010
Croatia	Dominican Republic	2008
Djibouti	Ecuador	2010
Dominican Republic	El Salvador	2008
Ecuador	Gabon	2011
El Salvador	Germany	2009
Germany	Ghana	2008
Ghana	Hungary	2008
Hungary	Iceland	2008
Iceland	Indonesia	2010
India	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Indonesia	Japan	2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Kazakhstan	2008
Japan	Lesotho	2010
Kazakhstan	Malaysia	2010
Lesotho	Mali	2009
Malaysia	Mauritius	2008
Mali	Mexico	2010
Mauritius	Morocco	2009
Mexico	Namibia	2011
Morocco	Netherlands	2009
Netherlands	Niger	2011
Nigeria	Pakistan	2011

Membership of the fifty-first session	*Membership of the fifty-second session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Peru	Paraguay	2011
Qatar	Peru	2009
Republic of Korea	Qatar	2009
Russian Federation	Republic of Korea	2010
Suriname	Spain	2011
Thailand	Suriname	2008
Togo	Togo	2010
Turkey	Turkey	2011
United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates	2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2009
United Republic of Tanzania	United Republic of Tanzania	2009
United States of America	United States of America	2008
Zambia	Zambia	2010

[h] At its 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, the Council elected the following 10 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's fifty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2012: China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Haiti, India, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, United States of America (decision 2007/201 B).

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Algeria	Argentina	2011
Argentina	Australia	2009
Australia	Austria	2011
Austria	Belgium	2009
Belgium	Bolivia	2009
Bolivia	Botswana	2011
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cameroon	2011
Brazil	Canada	2009
Cameroon	China	2011
Canada	Colombia	2009
Chile	Cuba	2011
Colombia	Czech Republic	2011
Croatia	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2011
Cuba	El Salvador	2011
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Ethiopia	2011
France	Finland	2011
Germany	Germany	2011
Guatemala	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2011
Hungary	Israel	2011
India	Italy	2011
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Jamaica	2009
Israel	Japan	2009
Italy	Kazakhstan	2011
Jamaica	Lithuania	2011
Japan	Mexico	2009
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Moldova[g]	2011
Lebanon	Morocco	2011
Madagascar	Namibia	2009
Malaysia	Netherlands	2011
Mexico	Niger	2009
Myanmar	Nigeria	2009
Namibia	Pakistan	2011
Niger	Peru	2011

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Nigeria	Poland	2009
Norway	Republic of Korea	2009
Peru	Russian Federation	2009
Poland	Saudi Arabia	2009
Republic of Korea	Senegal	2009
Russian Federation	Spain	2011
Saudi Arabia	Sudan	2011
Senegal	Switzerland	2011
Sudan	Tajikistan	2009
Sweden	Thailand	2011
Switzerland	Trinidad and Tobago	2011
Tajikistan	Turkey	2009
Thailand	Uganda	2011
Turkey	Ukraine	2009
Uganda	United Arab Emirates	2011
Ukraine	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2009
United Arab Emirates	United States of America	2011
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Uruguay	2011
United States of America	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2011
Zambia	Yemen	2011

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Argentina	2009
Armenia	2008
Austria	2008
Bolivia	2008
Brazil	2009
Cameroon	2009
Canada	2009
Chile	2008
China	2008
Colombia	2009
Comoros	2008
Costa Rica	2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2008
Germany	2008
Guatemala	2009
India	2009
Indonesia	2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2009
Italy	2008
Jamaica	2009
Japan	2008
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2008
Moldova[g]	2009
Namibia	2008
Niger	2008
Nigeria	2009
Pakistan	2008
Republic of Korea	2008
Russian Federation	2008
Saudi Arabia	2009
Senegal	2008
Sierra Leone	2009
South Africa	2009

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Turkey	2009
Uganda	2008
Ukraine	2009
United Arab Emirates	2009
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2009
United Republic of Tanzania	2008
United States of America	2009

Commission on Sustainable Development[1]

(53 members, three-year term)

Membership of the fifteenth session	*Membership of the sixteenth session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Algeria	Antigua and Barbuda	2009
Antigua and Barbuda	Australia	2009
Australia	Bahrain	2010
Austria	Belarus	2008
Belarus	Belgium	2008
Belgium	Belize	2008
Belize	Bolivia	2008
Bolivia	Cameroon	2008
Brazil	Canada	2008
Burkina Faso	Cape Verde	2010
Cameroon	Chile	2009
Canada	China	2008
Chile	Costa Rica	2010
China	Croatia	2010
Colombia	Cuba	2008
Cuba	Czech Republic	2009
Czech Republic	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2008
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Djibouti	2009
Djibouti	France	2010
Finland	Gambia	2010
France	Germany	2008
Georgia	Guatemala	2010
Germany	Guinea	2010
Ghana	Haiti	2010
Indonesia	India	2010
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Indonesia	2009
Israel	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Italy	Israel	2008
Kazakhstan	Italy	2008
Kuwait	Japan	2010
	Kuwait	2009

Membership of the fifteenth session	*Membership of the sixteenth session*	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Luxembourg	Mexico	2008
Mexico	Monaco	2010
Pakistan	Netherlands	2010
Paraguay	Peru	2009
Peru	Poland	2010
Qatar	Republic of Korea	2009
Republic of Korea	Russian Federation	2009
Russian Federation	Saudi Arabia	2008
Saudi Arabia	Senegal	2009
Senegal	Serbia	2008
Serbia	South Africa	2010
Sierra Leone	Spain	2009
Spain	Sudan	2009
Sudan	Sweden	2010
Thailand	Thailand	2008
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Tunisia	2008
Tunisia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2009
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Republic of Tanzania	2009
United Republic of Tanzania	United States of America	2009
United States of America	Zambia	2008
Zambia	Zimbabwe	2008
Zimbabwe		

[i] At its 10th and 48th meetings, on 25 April and 4 October 2007, the Council elected the following 19 members to the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session in 2011: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Gabon, Germany, Israel, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Namibia, Pakistan, Romania, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). At the 48th meeting, the Council postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session in 2011 (see decision 2007/201 D).

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)[j]

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Angola	2008
Argentina[j,k]	2010
Austria	2008
Belarus	2010
Belgium	2010
Brazil	2008
Burkina Faso[j,k]	2010
Chile[j,k]	2008
China	2010
Cuba	2010
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2008
Dominican Republic	2010
El Salvador	2010
Equatorial Guinea[j,k]	2008
Eritrea	2010
Finland[j,k]	2008
France	2010
Gambia	2008
Germany	2010
India	2010
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Italy	2008
Jamaica	2008
Jordan	2008
Latvia	2010
Lesotho	2010
Malaysia	2010
Oman	2008
Pakistan	2008
Peru	2008
Philippines[j,k]	2010
Russian Federation	2008
Sierra Leone	2008

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Slovakia	2008
Sri Lanka[j,k]	2008
Sudan[j,k]	2010
Switzerland	2008
Tunisia	2010
Turkey	2010
Uganda	2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2008
United States of America[j,k]	2010

[j] The Council increased the membership of the Commission from 33 to 43 (see para. 7 of Council resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 and decision 2006/267 of 15 December 2006).

[k] Elected at the 4th meeting, on 9 February 2007, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on a date which was determined by lot. Also at the 4th meeting, the Council postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2010 (decision 2007/201 A).

Regional commissions

Economic Commission for Africa[1]

53 members

Algeria	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Angola	Madagascar
Benin	Malawi
Botswana	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Mauritius
Cameroon	Morocco
Cape Verde	Mozambique
Central African Republic	Namibia
Chad	Niger
Comoros	Nigeria
Congo	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Senegal
Djibouti	Seychelles
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Eritrea	South Africa
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gabon	Swaziland
Gambia	Togo
Ghana	Tunisia
Guinea	Uganda
Guinea-Bissau	United Republic of Tanzania
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe
Liberia	

[1] Switzerland participates in a consultative capacity in the work of the Commission by virtue of Council resolution 925 (XXXIV) of 6 July 1962.

Economic Commission for Europe[m]

56 members

Albania	Lithuania
Andorra	Luxembourg
Armenia	Malta
Austria	Moldova[g]
Azerbaijan	Monaco
Belarus	Montenegro
Belgium	Netherlands
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Bulgaria	Poland
Canada	Portugal
Croatia	Romania
Cyprus	Russian Federation
Czech Republic	San Marino
Denmark	Serbia
Estonia	Slovakia
Finland	Slovenia
France	Spain
Georgia	Sweden
Germany	Switzerland
Greece	Tajikistan
Hungary	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Iceland	
Ireland	Turkey
Israel	Turkmenistan
Italy	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Kyrgyzstan	
Latvia	United States of America
Liechtenstein	Uzbekistan

[m] The Holy See participates in the work of the Commission in accordance with Commission decision N (XXXI) of 5 April 1976.

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean[a]

43 members

Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras
Argentina	Italy
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Japan
Belize	Mexico
Bolivia	Netherlands
Brazil	Nicaragua
Canada	Panama
Chile	Paraguay
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Portugal
Cuba	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Dominica	Saint Lucia
Dominican Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Ecuador	Spain
El Salvador	Suriname
France	Trinidad and Tobago
Germany	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Grenada	
Guatemala	United States of America
Guyana	Uruguay
Haiti	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

[a] Switzerland participates in a consultative capacity in the work of the Commission by virtue of Council resolutions 632 (XXII) of 19 December 1956 and 861 (XXXII) of 21 December 1961, respectively.

Associate members (8)

Anguilla	Netherlands Antilles
Aruba	Puerto Rico
British Virgin Islands	Turks and Caicos Islands
Montserrat	United States Virgin Islands

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific[o]

53 members

Afghanistan	Nauru
Armenia	Nepal
Australia	Netherlands
Azerbaijan	New Zealand
Bangladesh	Pakistan
Bhutan	Palau
Brunei Darussalam	Papua New Guinea
Cambodia	Philippines
China	Republic of Korea
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Russian Federation
Fiji	Samoa
France	Singapore
Georgia	Solomon Islands
India	Sri Lanka
Indonesia	Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Thailand
Japan	Timor-Leste
Kazakhstan	Tonga
Kiribati	Turkey
Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Tuvalu
Malaysia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Maldives	
Marshall Islands	United States of America
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Uzbekistan
Mongolia	Vanuatu
Myanmar	Viet Nam

[o] Switzerland participates in a consultative capacity in the work of the Commission by virtue of Council resolution 860 (XXXII) of 21 December 1961.

Associate members (9)

American Samoa	Guam
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Hong Kong, China
	Macau, China
Cook Islands	New Caledonia
French Polynesia	Niue

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

13 members

Bahrain	Palestine
Egypt	Qatar
Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Lebanon	Yemen
Oman	

Standing committees

Committee for Programme and Coordination

(34 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007[a]	*Membership in 2008*[a,b]	*Term expires on 31 December*[a,b]
Algeria	Argentina	2008
Argentina	Armenia	2008
Armenia	Belarus	2008
Belarus	Benin	2008
Benin	Brazil	2008
Brazil	Bulgaria	2008
Bulgaria	Central African Republic	2008
Central African Republic	Comoros	2009
China	Cuba	2008
Comoros	France	2009
Cuba	Haiti	2009
France	India	2008
Ghana	Indonesia	2008
Haiti	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2008
India	Israel	2008
Indonesia	Italy	2008
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Pakistan	2008
Israel	Portugal	2008
Italy	Russian Federation	2009
Jamaica	Senegal	2008
Japan	South Africa	2008
Kenya	Switzerland	2008
Pakistan	Uruguay	2008
Portugal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2009
Republic of Korea	Zimbabwe	2009
Russian Federation		
Senegal		
South Africa		
Switzerland		

Membership in 2007[p]	*Membership in 2008*[p,q]	*Term expires on 31 December*[p,q]
Uruguay		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
Zimbabwe		

[p] At its 2nd and 45th meetings, on 7 February and 30 November 2006, the Council postponed the nomination of two members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a term beginning on the date of election, one member for a term expiring on 31 December 2008 (decision 2006/201 A) and one member for a term expiring on 31 December 2009 (decision 2006/201 D).

[q] At its 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, the Council nominated seven Member States for election by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008 (decision 2007/201 B).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

(19 members; four-year term)

Membership from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010

Angola	Pakistan
Burundi	Peru
China	Qatar
Colombia	Romania
Cuba	Russian Federation
Dominica	Sudan
Egypt	Turkey
Guinea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
India	
Israel	United States of America

Expert bodies

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

27 members

Argentina	Japan
Australia	Mexico
Austria	Morocco
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	Norway
Canada	Poland
China	Portugal
Czech Republic	Russian Federation
Finland	South Africa
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	
Italy	United States of America

Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

32 members

Argentina	Japan
Australia	Netherlands
Austria	New Zealand
Belgium	Norway
Brazil	Poland
Canada	Portugal
China	Qatar
Czech Republic	Senegal
Denmark	Serbia
Finland	South Africa
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Greece	Ukraine
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ireland	
Italy	United States of America
	Zambia

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

(34 members; three-year term)[r]

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Benin	2009
Brazil	2009
Burundi	2009
China	2008
Cyprus	2009
Germany	2008
Italy	2008
Lebanon	2008
Malta	2008
Namibia	2008
Nigeria	2009
Panama	2008
Poland	2009
Portugal	2008
Russian Federation	2008
Senegal	2008
Slovakia	2009
South Africa	2008
Sri Lanka	2008
Sweden	2008
Tunisia	2009
Uganda	2008
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2008
United Republic of Tanzania	2008

[r] At its 3rd meeting, on 6 February 2007, the Council further postponed the election of the following 10 members for a term beginning on the date of election: two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2008 and three members from Asian States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term expiring on 31 December 2009 (decision 2007/201 A).

Committee for Development Policy

(24 members; three-year term)

Membership from 1 January 2007 through 31 December 2009

Bina Agarwal (India)

José Antonio Alonso (Spain)

Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico)

Tariq Banuri (Pakistan)

Albert Binger (Jamaica)

Olav Bjerkholt (Norway)

Kwesi Botchwey (Ghana)

Gui Ying Cao (China)

Ricardo Ffrench-Davis (Chile)

Stanisława Golinowska (Poland)

Patrick Guillaumont (France)

Philippe Hein (Mauritius)

Hiroya Ichikawa (Japan)

Willene Johnson (United States of America)

Martin Khor (Malaysia)

Amina Mama (South Africa)

Hans Opschoor (Netherlands)

Suchitra Punyaratabandhu (Thailand)

Fatima Sadiqi (Morocco)

Frances Stewart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Diana Tussie (Argentina)

Milica Uvalic (Serbia)

Anatoly Vishnevsky (Russian Federation)

Samuel Wangwe (United Republic of Tanzania)

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

(24 members; four-year term)

Membership from 1 January 2007 through 31 December 2009

Peter Anyang' Nyong'o (Kenya)

Ousmane Batoko (Benin)

Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)

Rachid Benmokhtar Benabdellah (Morocco)

Emilia Boncodin (Philippines)

Jocelyne Bourgon (Canada)

Luiz Carlos Bresser-Pereira (Brazil)

Mario P. Chiti (Italy)

Mikhail Dmitriev (Russian Federation)

Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi (South Africa)

Edgar Alfonso González Salas (Colombia)

Werner Jann (Germany)

Taher Kannan (Jordan)

Pan Suk Kim (Republic of Korea)

Barbara Kudrycka (Poland)

Florin Lupescu (Romania)

Anthony Makrydemetres (Greece)

Jose Oscar Monteiro (Mozambique)

Siripurapu Kesava Rao (India)

Dennis Rondinelli (United States of America)

Prijono Tjiptoherijanto (Indonesia)

Luis Aguilar Villanueva (Mexico)

Gwendoline Williams (Trinidad and Tobago)

Wang Xiaochu (China)

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(18 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2007 and 2008	*Term expires on 31 December*
Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2008
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)	2010
Rocío Barahona Riera (Costa Rica)	2008
Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines)	2010
Maria Virginia Brás Gomes (Portugal)	2010
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)	2010
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)	2010
Yuri Kolosov (Russian Federation)	2010
Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)	2010
Sergei N. Martynov (Belarus)	2008
Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius)	2008
Andrzej Rzeplinski (Poland)	2008
Eibe Riedel (Germany)	2010
Waleed M. Sa'di (Jordan)	2008
Barbara Wilson (Switzerland)[s]	2008
Philippe Texier (France)	2008
Alvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia)	2010
Zhan Daode (China)[t]	2008

[s] Elected at the 48th meeting, on 15 December 2006, for a term beginning on 1 January 2007, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Giorgio Malinverni (Switzerland) (decision 2006/201 E).

[t] Elected at the 45th meeting, on 30 November 2006, for a term beginning on the date of election, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Shen Yongxiang (China) (decision 2006/201 D).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

(16 members; three-year term)

Membership through 31 December 2007

Eight experts elected by the Council	*Eight experts appointed by the President of the Council*
Eduardo Aguiar de Almeida (Brazil)	Hassan Id Balkassm (Morocco)
Yuri Boychenko (Russian Federation)	Michael Dodson (Australia)
Merike Kokajev (Estonia)	Wilton Littlechild (Canada)
William Ralph Joey Langeveldt (South Africa)	Aqqaluk Lynge (Denmark)
Otilia Lux de Coti (Guatemala)	Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation)
Liliana Muzangi Mbela (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Parshuram Tamang (Nepal)
Ida Nicolaisen (Denmark)	Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines)
Qin Xiaomei (China)	Nina Pacari Vega (Ecuador)

Membership from 1 January 2008 through 31 December 2010

Eight experts elected by the Council	*Eight experts appointed by the President of the Council*
Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria)	Lars-Anders Baer (Sweden)
Carlos Mamani Condori (Bolivia)	Hassan Id Balkassm (Morocco)
Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Elisa Canqui Mollo (Bolivia)
Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Michael Dodson (Australia)
A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)	Tonya Gonnella Frichner (United States of America)
Xiaomei Qin (China)	Margaret Lokawua (Uganda)
Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain)	Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation)
Carsten Smith (Norway)	Victoria Tauli Corpuz (Philippines)

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

(25 members; four-year term)

Membership through 30 June 2009

Moftah Jassim Al-Moftah (Qatar)

Bernell L. Arrindell (Barbados)

Noureddine Bensouda (Morocco)

Rowena G. Bethel (Bahamas)

Patricia A. Brown (United States of America)

Nahil L. Hirsh Carrillo (Peru)

Danies Kawama Chisenda (Zambia)

Paolo Ciocca (Italy)

Andrew Dawson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Miguel Ferre Navarrete (Spain)[u]

Harry Msamire Kitillya (United Republic of Tanzania)

Frank Mullen (Ireland)

Kyung Geun Lee (Republic of Korea)

Tizhong Liao (China)

Habiba Louati (Tunisia)

Ronald Peter van der Merwe (South Africa)

Nobuyuki Nakamura (Japan)[v]

Dmitry Vladimirovich Nikolaev (Russian Federation)

Pascal Saint-Amans (France)

Serafin U. Salvador, Jr. (Philippines)

Erwin Silitonga (Indonesia)

Stig B. Sollund (Norway)

Robert Waldburger (Switzerland)

Armando Lara Yaffar (Mexico)

Eduardo Zaidensztat Capnikcas (Uruguay)[w]

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[u] Appointed by the Secretary-General to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of José Antonio Bustos Buiza (Spain) (decision 2007/201 C).

[v] Appointed by the Secretary-General to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Yoshiki Takeuchi (Japan) (decision 2006/201 E).

[w] Appointed by the Secretary-General to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Talmon de Paula Freitas (Brazil) (decision 2006/201 E).

Related bodies

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

(36 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Argentina	Antigua and Barbuda	2010
Australia	Australia	2010
Bahamas	Austria[x]	2009
Belgium	Bahamas	2009
Bolivia	Burkina Faso	2008
Burkina Faso	Cameroon	2009
Cameroon	Central African Republic	2009
Central African Republic	China	2010
China	Colombia	2008
Colombia	Croatia	2009
Croatia	Ethiopia	2009
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Finland[x]	2008
Denmark	Germany[x]	2009
Ethiopia	Greece	2010
Guatemala	Guatemala	2008
India	Haiti	2010
Ireland	India	2009
Japan	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Malaysia	Japan	2010
Mali	Malaysia	2009
Mauritania	Mali	2009
Mozambique	Mauritania	2009
Myanmar	Myanmar	2009
Netherlands	Netherlands	2010
Pakistan	Norway[x]	2008
Portugal	Pakistan	2008
Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	2008
Rwanda	Romania	2010
Russian Federation	Rwanda	2008
Serbia	Russian Federation	2010
Sweden	Serbia	2008

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Switzerland	Spain[x]	2008
Turkey	Sweden	2009
Ukraine	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2009
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United States of America	2008
United States of America	Zimbabwe	2010

[x] At its 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, the Council elected Austria, Finland, Germany, Norway and Spain for a term beginning on 1 January 2008 to fill vacancies arising from the resignations, respectively, of Portugal, Denmark, Ireland, Switzerland and Turkey (decision 2007/201 B).

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(72 members)

Algeria	Lesotho
Argentina	Madagascar
Australia	Mexico
Austria	Morocco
Bangladesh	Mozambique
Belgium	Namibia
Brazil	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Nicaragua
China	Nigeria
Colombia	Norway
Costa Rica[y]	Pakistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Philippines
Cyprus	Poland
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Portugal
Denmark	Republic of Korea
Ecuador	Romania
Egypt	Russian Federation
Estonia[y]	Serbia
Ethiopia	Somalia
Finland	South Africa
France	Spain
Germany	Sudan
Ghana	Sweden
Greece	Switzerland
Guinea	Thailand
Holy See	Tunisia
Hungary	Turkey
India	Uganda
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ireland	United Republic of Tanzania
Israel	United States of America
Italy	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Japan	Yemen
Jordan	Zambia
Kenya	
Lebanon	

[y] Elected at the 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 61/136 (decision 2007/201 B).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund

(36 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Algeria	Algeria	2008
Angola	Angola	2009
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda	2009
Bangladesh	Australia	2010
Belarus	Azerbaijan	2010
Belgium	Bangladesh	2008
Benin	Benin	2008
Bhutan	Bhutan	2009
Canada	Central African Republic	2009
Central African Republic	China	2009
China	Colombia	2010
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Denmark	2009
Denmark[z]	Ecuador	2008
Ecuador	France[aa]	2009
Germany	Haiti	2010
Greece	Iceland[aa]	2008
Guatemala	India	2009
Guyana	Ireland	2010
India	Italy	2010
Italy	Jamaica	2008
Jamaica	Japan	2008
Japan	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2010
Kazakhstan	Malawi	2009
Malawi	Netherlands[aa]	2009
Norway	Norway	2008
Pakistan	Pakistan	2008
Portugal	Republic of Korea	2010
Russian Federation	Russian Federation	2008
Senegal	Senegal	2009
Serbia	Serbia	2009
Somalia	Slovakia	2010
Spain	Somalia	2009

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Uganda	Sweden[aa]	2009
Ukraine[z]	Switzerland[aa]	2008
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United Republic of Tanzania	2010
United States of America	United States of America	2010

[z] Elected at the 48th meeting, on 15 December 2006, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Sweden (decision 2006/201 E).

[aa] At its 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, the Council elected France, Iceland, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland for a term beginning on 1 January 2008 to fill vacancies arising from the resignations, respectively, of Germany, Belgium, Greece, Spain and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (decision 2007/201 B).

Executive Board of the World Food Programme[bb]

(36 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007			
Members elected by the Economic and Social Council	*Term expires on 31 December*	*Members elected by the FAO Council*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Australia	2007	Austria	2008
Cape Verde	2009	Canada	2007
China	2007	Colombia	2008
Cuba	2007	Congo	2007
Ethiopia	2007	Germany	2007
India	2009	Haiti	2007
Indonesia	2008	Kuwait	2007
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2009	Netherlands	2009
Japan	2008	Niger	2007
Mexico	2008	Pakistan	2009
New Zealand	2009	Peru	2009
Norway	2007	Philippines	2009
Russian Federation	2009	Slovenia	2008
Sweden	2009	Sudan[cc]	2008
Tunisia	2007	Switzerland	2008
Ukraine	2008	United Republic of Tanzania	2008
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2008	United States of America	2009
Zimbabwe	2008	Zambia	2009

[bb] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/8, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations elect 18 members each from among the States Members of the United Nations or the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, according to the pattern set out in that resolution. The members of the Executive Board were elected from five lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme and reproduced in document E/2007/9/Add.5.

[cc] Replaced Algeria, which resigned effective 31 December 2006.

Membership in 2008

Members elected by the Economic and Social Council	*Term expires on 31 December*	*Members elected by the FAO Council*[dd]	*Term expires on 31 December*
Australia	2010	Austria	2008
Belgium[ee]	2009	Colombia	2008
Burundi	2010	Netherlands	2009
Cape Verde	2009	Pakistan	2009
Cuba	2010	Peru	2009
India	2009	Philippines	2009
Indonesia	2008	Slovenia	2008
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2009	Sudan	2008
Japan	2008	Switzerland	2008
Mexico	2008	United Republic of Tanzania	2008
Norway	2010	United States of America	2009
Russian Federation	2009	Zambia	2009
Sudan	2010		
Sweden	2009		
Thailand	2010		
Ukraine	2008		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2008		
Zimbabwe	2008		

[dd] The remaining six seats are to be filled by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its session to be held in November 2007.

[ee] Elected at the 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of New Zealand (decision 2007/201 B).

International Narcotics Control Board

(13 members; five-year term)

Members elected by the Economic and Social Council to serve on the Board as constituted under the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

Membership from 2 March 2007	*Term expires on 1 March*
Joseph Bediako Asare (Ghana)	2010
Sevil Atasoy (Turkey)	2010
Tatiana Borisovna Dmitrieva (Russian Federation)	2010
Philip O. Emafo (Nigeria)	2010
Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran)	2012
Camilo Uribe Granja (Colombia)	2010
Carola Lander (Germany)	2012
Melvyn Levitsky (United States of America)	2012
María Elena Medina-Mora Icaza (Mexico)	2012
Sri Suryawati (Indonesia)	2012
Brian Watters (Australia)	2010
Raymond Yans (Belgium)	2012
Xin Yu (China)	2012

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(10 members; three-year term)

Membership through 31 December 2009

Belarus

Egypt

Grenada

Honduras

Israel

Philippines

Slovakia

Spain

Syrian Arab Republic

Zimbabwe

Committee for the United Nations Population Award[ff]

(10 members; three-year term)

Membership through 31 December 2009

Algeria

Bangladesh

Czech Republic

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Haiti

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Malaysia

Peru

Sweden

United Republic of Tanzania

[ff] For the regulations governing the Award, see General Assembly resolution 36/201 and Assembly decision 41/445.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

(22 members; three-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Membership in 2008*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Australia[gg]	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2008
Belgium	El Salvador	2009
Brazil	Ethiopia	2010
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Grenada	2008
El Salvador	Guatemala	2010
Germany	Japan	2009
Grenada	India	2010
India	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Japan	Italy	2009
Kenya	Luxembourg[hh]	2009
Italy	Mauritania	2010
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Monaco	2010
Myanmar	Myanmar	2009
Nepal	New Zealand	2008
New Zealand[gg]	Norway	2008
Norway	Russian Federation	2010
Russian Federation	Senegal	2009
Senegal	Slovakia	2009
Slovakia	Switzerland	2009
Sweden[gg]	Thailand	2008
Switzerland[gg]	United States of America	2010
Thailand	Zambia	2009
United States of America		
Zambia		

[gg] At its 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, the Council elected New Zealand, for a term beginning on 25 April 2007, and Switzerland, for a term beginning on 1 July 2007, to fill vacancies arising from the resignations, respectively, of Australia and Sweden (decision 2007/201 B).

[hh] Elected at the 10th meeting, on 25 April 2007, for a term beginning on 1 January 2008, to replace Belgium (decision 2007/201 B).

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

(58 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2007[a]	*Membership in 2008*[a][,b]	*Term expires on 31 December*
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda	2008
Argentina	Argentina	2010
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	2008
Belarus	Bahrain	2011
Belgium	Belgium	2008
Bulgaria	Brazil	2011
Burundi	Burkina Faso	2011
Canada	Burundi	2010
Chile	Canada	2008
China	Chile	2010
Congo	China	2008
Costa Rica	Congo	2011
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	2008
Equatorial Guinea	Equatorial Guinea	2010
Finland	Finland	2010
France	France	2008
Germany	Germany	2011
Ghana	Ghana	2008
Greece	Grenada	2010
Grenada	Haiti	2008
Haiti	Honduras	2011
India	India	2011
Indonesia	Indonesia	2010
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Israel	Israel	2011
Italy	Italy	2010
Japan	Jamaica	2011
Jordan	Japan	2010
Kenya	Kenya	2011
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2008
Mauritania	Mauritania	2010
Mexico	Netherlands	2010

Membership in 2007[i]	*Membership in 2008*[i,ii]	*Term expires on 31 December*
Netherlands	Niger	2010
Niger	Norway	2008
Nigeria	Pakistan	2010
Norway	Poland	2010
Pakistan	Romania	2011
Paraguay	Russian Federation	2010
Philippines	Rwanda	2008
Poland	Saudi Arabia	2011
Russian Federation	Senegal	2010
Rwanda	Serbia	2011
Saudi Arabia	Slovakia	2008
Senegal	Sri Lanka	2011
Slovakia	Swaziland	2011
South Africa	Sweden	2008
Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	2008
Sri Lanka	Uganda	2008
Swaziland	United Arab Emirates	2008
Sweden	United Republic of Tanzania	2008
Trinidad and Tobago	United States of America	2010
Uganda	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2010
United Arab Emirates	Zambia	2011
United Republic of Tanzania	Zimbabwe	2010
United States of America		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
Zimbabwe		

[i] At its 4th meeting, on 31 March 2005, the Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008 (decision 2005/201 B).

[ii] At its 48th meeting, on 4 October 2007, the Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008 (decision 2007/201 D).

Other subsidiary bodies

United Nations Forum on Forests

The membership of the Forum comprises all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies (see Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

(31 members; 2-year term, as applicable)[kk]

Membership as from 23 June 2007

Seven members selected by the Security Council

China

France

Panama

Russian Federation

South Africa

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

United States of America

Seven members elected by the Economic and Social Council

Angola

Brazil

Czech Republic

Guinea-Bissau

Indonesia

Luxembourg

Sri Lanka

Five top providers of assessed contributions to United Nations budgets and of voluntary contributions to the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including a standing peacebuilding fund (selected by and from among the top 10 providers)

Germany

Italy

Japan

Netherlands

Norway

Membership as from 23 June 2007

Five top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions (selected by and from among the 10 top providers)

Bangladesh

Ghana

India

Nigeria

Pakistan

Seven members elected by the General Assembly

Burundi

Chile

Egypt

El Salvador

Fiji

Georgia

Jamaica

[kk] For guidelines regarding membership in the Organizational Committee, see paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) and paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 1646 (2005).

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